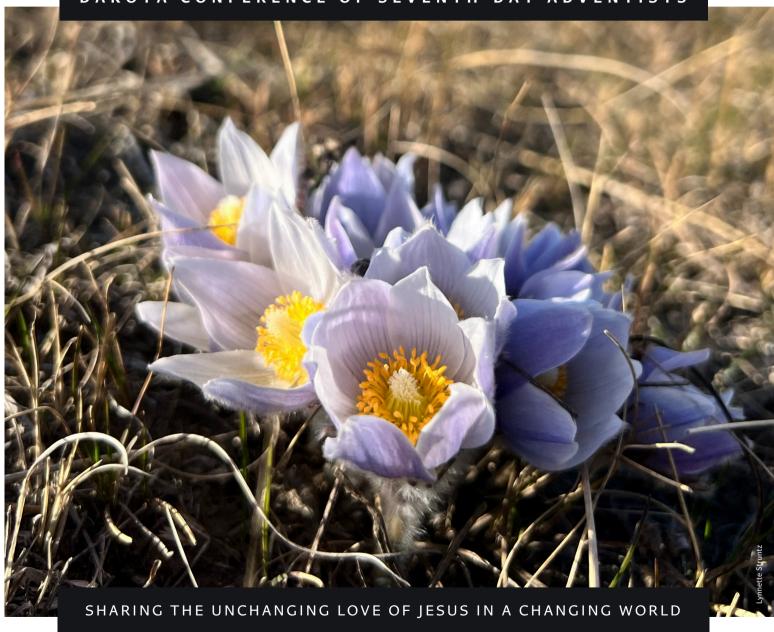
# DAKOTA MESSENGER

DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS



Mission: To share the hope of a soon returning Savior, involve the youth of the Conference in mission, and continue a strong camp and educational system for the strengthening of the local, national, and international Adventist movement.

# Family

Family. For me, this is a word of incredible significance. It is also a word that poses challenges. I find the word family significant because I am so very proud of—and thankful for my own family. My wife and I will celebrate our 42nd anniversary this summer. We have three wonderful children plus a great son-in-law and daughter-in-law. We also have two exceptional grandsons. Yes, I am blessed by family. When we are all able to gather together, share, eat, and laugh—it is wonderful. Yet the word family also has had its challenges. My dad died when I was very young. I struggled with what it would mean to be a good dad. I didn't have many great role models. I just knew I had a lot I didn't know. Also, what was my heritage? I knew a bit, but not nearly enough. One day I asked an older relative about our family. Immediately this individual turned toward me and said with pain, frustration, and anger in their voice, "Why do you want to know?" That was the end of the conversation. I am sure that many of you can share similar experiences when it comes to your biological family.

Yet for me, family also has another very special connotation. My church family.

Church involvement was a part of my early years, but it was more something to be done rather than being anything especially meaningful. When I was nine, our family moved from Flint, Michigan, where we had attended church fairly regularly, to the Pontiac, Michigan, area—where we did not attend at all.

When I was eleven, our family moved to Boulder, Colorado, and we began attending church again. Yet for me, something was different. Within that church family were people who seemed to have care and concern for me. Two of the teachers in our church

school made a tremendous impact on my life. (Why I even attended the church school is another whole story!) The seventh and eighth grade teacher made a huge difference for me, and the music teacher taught me how to play the baritone, which I still play to this day.

Thursday nights were gym night at the school, and 12-15 guys would show up to play basketball. The men in the church didn't complain when I showed up. I was a twelve-year-old kid wanting to join in with them. I didn't play much that first year, but they embraced me. Three years later, when those same men decided to form a church team to play in a league, they all lobbied on my behalf, vouching for my behavior, because according to the city league rules I wasn't old enough yet. The church family became like an extended family. Nearly forty years later, I still have people in that church that I know and appreciate.

In so many of the churches I pastored, the church family embraced us. When our first child was born, Karen, the church secretary, became a surrogate grandmother. I could go on and on, but the key is simple—people with a collective commitment to Jesus and unconditional care for one another created tight bonds, often closer than many of my extended family.

That is what church is meant to be. Sabbaths become like a weekly family reunion, encouraging one another and praising God for His goodness. And it seems that wherever I have traveled, I meet people who know people I know, and that commonality brings connections. It is fantastic.

There is another gathering, one on a bigger scale, that brings us Dakotans together. It is a gathering of the faithful, dedicated people from across our Conference and beyond. It

is a gathering where old friendships are renewed and acquaintances are made that lead to future friendships. It is our annual Campmeeting.

I truly enjoy Campmeeting. I do not say that because I am expected to. I truly enjoy the interactions. I enjoy the opportunities. I enjoy being with our people. Each year I have the privilege of getting to know more people. I also am able to learn more about the ones I already know. This annual gathering of our extended church family for times of interaction and encouragement is vital, especially in light of the distancing so many people in our society have chosen. More and more people are moving away from the principles found in Scripture. This annual gathering together allows us to learn more about Jesus and how to serve Him more faithfully, to share with others both the good things that are happening in our lives as well as the challenges we may be facing knowing that receptive ears are there to listen, and to enjoy the music and the camaraderie; Campmeeting truly is a family gathering. I would even go so far as to say it is essential to help us keep our focus on Jesus and our connection with one another.



Mark Weir President

# History's Merry-Go-Round

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

- 2 Corinthians 13:5

You may have heard about a recent study conducted by the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research at the Adventist Church world headquarters, which was conducted to determine the level of commitment of our church members worldwide in various aspects of faith, devotional practices, and in particular their commitment to our distinctive doctrines. While most of our members hold a faith relationship with Jesus Christ, engage in prayer and personal Bible readings, and attend church from Sabbath to Sabbath, this comprehensive study reveals some concerns. There is a noticeable drop in confidence about the identity and place of the end-time Remnant Church, the inspiration and authority of the writings of Ellen White, the state of the dead, and other beliefs that our church has held highly since it was founded [1]. This study parallels the Value Genesis project, which zeroes in on the practices and faithfulness of our vouth.

Our church traces its roots to the Advent Movement of the early 1840s with the "Great Disappointment" of October 31, 1844. We see how our church rose from the ashes after the disillusionment of believers after Christ Jesus did not return that day. Yet our pioneers persevered and, by diligent Bible study and searching, eventually gained a true understanding of the message of the Bible, including why Christ had not come when they foretold, and other precious truths passed down through the ages by Protestant reformers throughout history. They rediscovered the Bible teachings, including the Sabbath, the resurrection, and the sanctuary teaching. The discoveries of truths

covered up for ages continued. Our pioneers were people with a fervent spirit for Bible study and seeking new insights. Many of these truths we hold dear cost people their lives as they guarded and preserved them under difficult circumstances for the next generation to inherit.

As we approach the 200th anniversary of our historical markers, we must be mindful of an interesting phenomenon observed in other mainline denominations at the same point in their history. An erosion of confidence among the members and leaders of these churches regarding their founding doctrines led to a decline in their passion for mission. This decline was noticeable as these denominations moved away from their founding beliefs. Empty buildings and dwindling congregations are all that remain. The danger is clear: History shows that an erosion of confidence in the message will, in time, inevitably translate into an erosion of commitment to the mission of the church.

There are no easy answers to the challenges we face as a church. We must take stock of our journey and lives and stay close to Jesus. We must recommit to the regular faithful study of His Word and keep the prophetic voice clear in our experience by regularly reading the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy and the journey of those who have gone before us. Let us rededicate ourselves to fulfilling the mission of our church. The facts are clear—as we study God's Word and see God's message holding true with the unfolding of the events on our ailing planet, as we trace the indicators that the Lord Jesus Himself gave in the gospels about our day, in the books of Daniel, Revelation, and the teachings of Paul in the New Testament, we can be reassured that we are still on track: The glorious

coming of Christ is inevitable; all is being fulfilled as foretold in the ages past!

I invite you to join me in rededicating ourselves to Him, to our family, and to sharing the end-time mandate of Christ Jesus Himself for each man, woman, and young one to crown Him as Savior and Lord of their lives at this critical time of this world's history.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" – Mark 13:35-37.



Mark Piotrowski
Vice President of Administration

[1] You can read the entire study by going to adventistresearch.info > Reports > Research Commissioned by GC Officers > Reports by Date > 2022-2023 Global Church Member Survey > Meta-Analysis Report.

# Eighth Grade Graduates

## Ryker Erickson

Prairie Voyager School in Grand Forks, North Dakota

Ryker has attended Prairie Voyager School for all eight years and is now graduating from eighth grade. His favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. He particularly enjoyed the field trip to the Missile Site in Cooperstown and singing with Pastor Mike during worship. His preferred subject is science. Ryker is looking forward to attending Dakota Adventist Academy next year to meet and interact with other students his age.



# **James Strain**

Invitation Hill School in Dickinson, North Dakota

James' favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 43:1-2. His hobbies include driving and modifying radio-controlled cars, playing the alto saxophone, gaming, and basketball. When it comes to food, he "absolutely loves" pineapple and green pepper pizza. James' favorite song is "Cornerstone," and his favorite hymn is "I Surrender All." In the future, he is interested in being a missionary or a welder.



### **Katherine Struntz**

Brentwood School in Bismarck, North Dakota

Kat transferred to Brentwood in seventh grade from Portland, Oregon, where she was involved in Pathfinders and played club volleyball. She loves cooking and baking for others, playing sports, and strumming her ukulele. Purple is her favorite color, and volleyball is her favorite sport—she once served 17 straight points in a tournament at Union College! While not settled on her future occupation yet, Kat enjoys helping people and animals. This summer, she plans to work at camp. One of her favorite texts is found in Proverbs 3:5-6 because it reminds her to trust in God's guidance. Kat has an older sister heading to college this August and an auggie dog named Roxy.



As the school year comes to a close, there's an atmosphere of both excitement and reflection. Students and teachers are eagerly counting down the days, balancing final lessons with activities like field trips, spring programs, and end-of-year celebrations. Teachers conclude their lessons cherishing the progress made and relationships formed. Backpacks are filled for the last time, desks are cleaned and stacked, and farewells are exchanged. Our 180 days of evangelism have come to a close, and we pray that every student exits the school doors with a stronger relationship with Jesus.

We want to take a moment to acknowledge our eighth grade graduates and celebrate their achievements as they get ready to move on to high school. Ryker, James, Kat, and Kale have each been leaders in their schools, setting a tone that the other students admire and follow. We know that God has tremendous plans in store for each of them, and we're eager to see how He continues to shape their lives and use them to make a difference in the world.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you at your local Adventist school for the 2024-2025 school year!

### Kale Tebelius

Hillcrest School in Jamestown, North Dakota

Some of Kale's interests include playing the saxophone, skateboarding, building computers, reading, utilizing virtual reality, and snowboarding. His favorite foods are broccoli cheese soup with bread and "pretty much anything Asian." Kale's favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 4:23: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." This verse was the first one he memorized, and it stuck with him. It's also his dad's favorite, which makes it even more special. When things get tough, Kale always comes back to it.



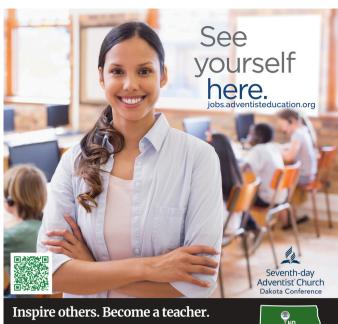


Kelli Wasemiller Elementary Superintendent



Matt and Josie Minikus' music is a reverent, contemporary folk blend of vocals, guitar, piano, and a variety of other instruments. As songwriters, they are passionate about writing meaningful, thought-provoking lyrics and beautiful melodies. Through their music and stories, they seek to help others peer a little deeper into the unfathomable love of God—a love they have personally encountered and been drawn by.





Teaching is much more than a job; it is a calling with a deep purpose. Consider applying in the Dakotas and inspire in each student a life of faith, wisdom, and service.



# Dakota Dispatch

Ready to stay in the loop with all things Conference and school-related? Look no further than the *Dakota Dispatch*! Our bi-weekly e-newsletter is your gateway to a community built on encouragement, blessings, and the power of shared experiences in witnessing and evangelism.

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# Youth and Young Adults

# **Pathfinder Bible Experience**

On March 1-3, we held our Conference-level Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) at Dakota Adventist Academy. More than 100 Pathfinders, friends, and family members took part in the weekend's fun and worship. This year, Pathfinders memorized the books of Joshua and Judges. Three of our five teams (Cleveland Prairie Trails, Black Hills Lightbearers, and Hermosa Battlecreek Warriors) earned a firstplace finish at the event and qualified to participate in the Mid-America Union Conference (MAUC) PBE. Our other two teams (Rapid City Rushmore Mountaineers and Bismarck Roughriders) also did very well and earned second-place finishes. On Saturday night, we held an exciting pinewood derby competition. The creativity of our Pathfinders with their cars and the all-around good sportsmanship was awesome to see. On Sunday following worship, clubs headed over to the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum to work on the fossil honor. It was an awesome weekend praising God and learning together!

The next weekend, on March 16, our three qualifying Dakota Conference Pathfinder Clubs joined 20 other clubs from around the MAUC for the Union PBE held at the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. The

Cleveland Prairie Trails earned a firstplace finish and advanced to the North American Division PBE held in Greeley, Colorado, on April 20 where went on to earn a second-place finish.

We are so proud of all of our clubs for all the hard work they put into memorizing these two books of Scripture, and we are thankful for all of the support they have had from families and Pathfinder leaders helping them read and memorize scripture.

# **Believe the Promise**

With PBE season officially over, our clubs are now devoting all of their time and attention to the next big event, the Believe the Promise International Pathfinder Camporee.

Right on the heels of the conclusion of our summer camp season, this camporee will be held for the first time in Gillette, Wyoming, August 5-11. All 55,000 tickets for the event were sold out nine months before the event! From the Dakotas, we have over a hundred more people coming to this camporee than went to the last camporee in 2019. We are so thankful for the many committed adults who serve as local Pathfinder volunteers and are making this life-changing event possible for the young people in their churches. It will be an experience they will not forget!

One fun thing we will do together as a Conference will be eating like one big family during the entire camporee. We will have one main cook, and our leaders and adults from our clubs will be assisting with meal prep and clean up. We are very blessed to have Char Timothy willing to serve as our culinary specialist; I know we will have amazing food. We hope eating together will not only be more enjoyable and cost-effective, but it will also greatly reduce the amount of equipment each club will need to transport to Gillette. In addition, it will free up our adults to spend more time assisting their Pathfinders with the activities and honors.

With more than one hundred honors being taught, our Pathfinders will have plenty of opportunities to learn new skills during the camporee. From learning animal rescue, aviation, and biblical archaeology to tides, tundra, water science, our kids will return to the Dakotas with new knowledge to share with their church families and new patches to put on their sashes.

### Summer Camp 2024

Summer Camp 2024 is right around the corner! We have hired our staff, finalized the meal menu, gathered music for our worships, and have worked on a plethora of other plans. One of the tasks that has been a challenge, yet a joy, is selecting a



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theme for the summer. You may wonder how a theme is chosen for camp. Well, I write a list of my own, and I ask staff. pastors, campers for their ideas. When they share their ideas, I also ask them for scriptures, songs, and stories that illustrate that theme. Once I have a long list of ideas. I pray and ask God to help me pick a theme that will help our campers and staff draw closer to Jesus. This year, the list was again filled with some fantastic ideas, each one pointing to Jesus. Early on, I thought I had the theme finalized—I had the scripture, the song, the story. We were working on the details for the summer program, but something just didn't feel right.

Soon after, I had a conversation with a young person in our Conference who shared how they just felt trapped in life and wished they could feel free from anxiety, guilt, and shame. I shared how Jesus gives us freedom. Then, later that week, I was riding in my car and listening to a testimony of a young lady who had been struggling with sin. At an extremely low point, as she was considering ending her life, she went to the store and saw a piece of wood with John 8:36 written on it. If you aren't familiar with that verse, it says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." She shared how—at that very moment—she saw light. She felt hope for the first time. She felt free. As I listened to her story, I remember thinking, this is what we need to share with our campers. Through Jesus, we are free. As soon as that thought passed through my mind, I had a scripture, a song, and a story. I had peace, a settled mind.

So our 2024 theme is *Free*! Over my 20 plus years as a pastor, I have had many conversations on this topic, and I look forward to all the conversations and stories from camp this year that show how Jesus has set us free.

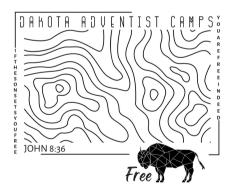
We are so excited to soon be sharing our theme at summer camp with our young people. We solicit your prayers as we prepare to minister to campers this summer. Thank you for your continued support of our camps and for helping us offer a place for kids to have fun while building a relationship with Jesus.







Top - Black Hills Lightbearers; middle - Hermosa Battlecreek Warriors; bottom - Cleveland Prairie Trails finding out they earned first place.







Ted Struntz
Youth Director

Associate
Youth Director

# How you can help

We invite you to partner with us in ministry for our Dakota kids. Your gifts, prayers, and services enable us to share Jesus' love each summer. Thank you for your support!

### **Current Camp Needs:**

- Tractor \$24,000
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- Rockwall \$12,000
- · Bush hog for tractor
- Donations for Renovations
- New Bridge for FMC \$2,000



Gas Golf Cart



# Campmeeting 2024

| Campmeeting Schedule |                             |                             |                                 |   |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Day / Time           | Wednesday - 29th            | Thursday - 30th             | Friday - 31st                   | Sabbath - 1st   |  |
| 7:45 - 8:15          | Breakfast served in Cafe    |                             |                                 | eteria  |  |
| 8:30 - 9:45          |                             | Dr. Hubert J.<br>Morel Jr.  | Hugh<br>Davis                   | 9:15 - 10:45  |  |
| 9:45 - 10:00         | 15-Minute Break             |                             | Sabbath School Dr. Mark R. Weir |   |  |
| 10:00 - 11:15        |                             | Elder Robert<br>Forbes II   | Dr. Hubert J.<br>Morel Jr.      | 10:50 - 12:20   |  |
| 11:15 - 11:30        |                             | 15-Minute Break             |                                 | <b>Church Service</b><br>Dr. Ivan L. Williams Sr.   |  |
| 11:30 - 12:40        |                             | Dr. Hubert J.<br>Morel Jr.  | Elder Elden<br>Ramirez          |   |  |
| 12:45 - 1:30         | Check-in Begins             | Lunch serve                 | Lunch served in Cafeteria       |   |  |
| 2:00 - 3:15          |                             | Elder Elden<br>Ramirez      | Brenda<br>Dickerson             | 2:00 - 2:45<br>Teacher<br>Commissioning   |  |
| 3:15 - 3:30          |                             | 15-Minute Break             |                                 | 3:00 - 5:00<br>Round Table  |  |
| 3:30 - 4:45          |                             | Elder Elden<br>Ramirez      | Anointing<br>Service            | Brenda Dickerson<br>Elder Bob Forbes II<br>Dr. Hubert J. Morel Jr.<br>Elder Elden Ramirez |  |
| 4:45 - 5:30          |                             | 15-Minut                    | te Break                        | Dr. Ivan L. Williams Sr.<br>Facilitator: Dr. Mark R. Weir                                 |  |
| 5:30 - 6:15          | Supper served in Cafeteria  |                             |                                 | Sabbath served:<br>5:30 - 6:30  |  |
| 6:30 - 8:30          | Dr. Ivan L.<br>Williams Sr. | Dr. Ivan L.<br>Williams Sr. | Dr. Ivan L.<br>Williams Sr.     | 7:00 - 9:30<br><b>Music Concert</b><br>Matt & Josie Minikus                               |  |
| 8:30 - 9:30          | Fellowship                  |                             |                                 | Hall of<br>Remembrance  |  |
|                      | Sabbath sc                  | hedule differs; sundo       | wn is 9:30p                     | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br>Dr. Mark R. Weir  |  |

### Announcements:

- Come to the evening program early for a half hour of music ministry—brought to you by musicians around the Dakota Conference. The music will take place from 6:30-7:00p each evening.
- A limited selection of vegetarian food will be available for purchase at this year's Campmeeting. To find out more, call Lynette Miller at 701.751.6177.
- If you are bringing a child aged 6-9, the Primary Department would like them to bring water clothes for Thursday and Friday afternoons.
- Attention all male vocal enthusiasts! Janna Wright of the Dickinson Adventist Church is exploring the possibility of assembling a men's chorus for a future Dakota Campmeeting. If you're passionate about singing, possess the ability to learn music independently, and are interested in participating, please reach out to Janna at: jannajwright@gmail.com

# Youth & Young Adult Campmeeting



| Children & Youth Ministries Schedule |   |  |  |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| Departments                          | Cradle Roll/<br>Kindergarten                | Primary                                    | Juniors                                    | Youth                                       | Young Adults                                    |
| Leaders                              | Brienne<br>Engelhart                        | Pr. Roy<br>Morris                          | Pr. Darrel<br>Lindensmith                  | Pr. Ted<br>Struntz                          | Pr. Kris<br>de Bruin                            |
| Age                                  | Birth - 5 years                             | Ages 6 - 9                                 | Ages 10 - 12                               | Ages 13 - 17                                | Ages 18 - 40                                    |
| Location                             | History Room                                | Band Room                                  | Choir Room                                 | Upper Chapel                                | Weight Room                                     |
| Wednesday                            | 7:00 - 8:30                                 | 7:00 - 8:30                                | 7:00 - 8:30                                | 7:00 - 8:30                                 | NA  |
| Thursday                             | 10:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 9:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 9:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 10:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | NA  |
| Friday                               | 10:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 9:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 9:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 10:00 - 12:00<br>2:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30 | 7:00 - 8:30                                     |
| Sabbath                              | 9:15 - 12:15<br>3:00 - 5:00<br>NA           | 9:15 - 12:15<br>3:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 9:00 | 9:15 - 12:15<br>3:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 9:00 | 9:15 - 12:15<br>3:00 - 5:00<br>7:00 - 8:30  | 10:00 - 11:00<br>11:00 - 12:15<br>8:45 Campfire |

# 2024 Campmeeting Speakers

# **Hugh Davis**

Hugh Davis is the associate director of communication at the Mid-America Union Conference (MAUC). With over 20 years of experience in digital media,



marketing, and communication across healthcare, public education, and city government sectors, he offers substantial expertise in his role within the church. Hailing from Detroit. Michigan, Hugh is a proud product of Adventist Education and earned his degree from Andrews University. He also serves as the digital media manager for OUTLOOK magazine, where he applies his skills to enhance digital communication, further showcasing his commitment to leveraging digital platforms for effective communication within the Adventist community.

# Dr. Hubert J. Morel Jr.

Hubert Morel Jr. serves as the vice president for administration of the MAUC. He assists in leading the Union's six constituent conferences and



focuses on policy development and constitutional matters. Morel holds a bachelor's degree in theology from Oakwood University, a master's of divinity from Andrew's Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in biblical counseling from Trinity Theological Seminary. His pastoral career began in 1981, with ministerial roles in Florida and Georgia. He was elected president of the Southeastern Conference in 2008, where he served two terms. Morel is married to Raquel, and together they have two adult sons and one granddaughter.

# **Elder Robert Forbes II**

Bob Forbes, a graduate of Union College, is a "mostly" retired pastor with over 36 years of ministry experience, dedicating 13 of those years to the



Dakota Conference. He grew up with a passion for Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Disaster Response, and has been serving as the ACS director for the last five years. Bob works closely with the North Dakota and South Dakota State Emergency Services as well as the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. Bob also serves as the Dakota Conference ACS Federation President. Bob and his wife, Gerry, are approaching their 46th anniversary. They have three adult children and six terrific grandchildren.

### **Brenda Dickerson**

Brenda Dickerson is the MAUC communication director and editor of OUTLOOK magazine. She enjoys collaborating with the many talented



photographers, designers, and bloggers who help keep OUTLOOK's product suite strong and relevant. Dickerson graduated from Union College and Ohio University and holds a master's degree in organizational communication. She has served in the MAUC **Communication Department since** 2010 and has edited the OUTLOOK since 2013. In addition, Dickerson is currently the president of the Society of Adventist Communicators where she organizes and promotes skills training, resources, and professional development for communicators around the NAD.

### **Elder Elden Ramirez**

Elden Ramirez is the executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference. Before he assumed this role in 2021, he was the undersecretary of the North



American Division (NAD). He has also served as president of the Montana Conference and has led the NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries. His diverse ministerial career has included various positions such as academy chaplain, youth pastor, senior pastor, and church planter. He has also directed departments focused on family life, camp ministries, health, and youth ministries. Ramirez's commitment extends to music, leading an a capella gospel ministry with his wife, Jenny, and their two daughters.

### Dr. Ivan L. Williams Sr.

Ivan L. Williams Sr. currently directs the NAD Ministerial Department, supporting over 4,200 pastors across the Division. From an early age in Atlanta, Georgia,



Williams felt a divine calling to ministry that prompted him to pursue a theological education. He earned degrees in communications and theology from Oakwood University, Andrews University, and a doctorate from Claremont School of Theology, focusing on pastoral burnout. Beyond pastoral duties, he also serves as a U.S. Air Force Chaplain and co-hosts the "Ministry in Motion" broadcast. Williams enjoys family, reading, preaching, barbering, athletics, and sharing hope. He is supported by his wife, Kathleen, and two children.



# Suggested items to bring if staying in the dorm:

- bedding for twin bed(s)
- mattress pad
- pillows
- bath / hand towels
- washcloths
- shower caddy / mat

- air freshener
- hand soap
- garbage bin / bags
- fan(s)
- toiletries
- ear plugs

- clothes hangers
- night light
- tissues (toilet paper provided)
- iron
- disinfectant wipes
- drinking water / cup

Please note: a standard dorm room includes beds/mattresses only. Linens, towels, and personal toiletries are NOT provided.

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# 2024 Dakota Campmeeting Reservation: May 29 - June 1

| Name:  | Dorm Room - standard room:<br>Includes beds, mattresses, & shower curtain.<br>Shared bathroom between two rooms. |  |
|--|--|--|
| Address:   |  |  |
| City: State:   | Dorm Room - Full Time: \$120/week  |  |
| Zip: Phone:  | Dorm Room - Daily: \$38/day  |  |
| Names of people sharing your room:   | Refrigerator - \$25 (upon availability)  |  |
|  | Campground with hook-up:<br>RV/Campers/Tents   |  |
| Total number of mattresses needed:   | Campground - Full Time: \$70/week  |  |
| Make checks payable to "Dakota Conference." Send full  | Campground - Daily: \$20/day   |  |
| payment with reservation to the Dakota Conference. Full-<br>time reservations take precedence over daily stays.<br>Reservations may be made online at: dakotaadventist.org | Campground without hook-up:<br>Tents/Self-Contained RVs  |  |
| Credit card payments are now available online.   | Campground - \$10/week   |  |

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# ALENDAR

# May

| 6-10  | Teacher Appreciation Week                     |  |
|-------|---|--|
| 18    | Prairie Voyager 8th Grade Graduation (11:00a) |  |
| 21    | Invitation Hill 8th Grade Graduation (6:30p)  |  |
| 23    | Brentwood 8th Grade Graduation (6:30p)        |  |
| 23    | Hillcrest 8th Grade Graduation (7:00p)        |  |
| 24-26 | DAA Graduation Weekend                        |  |
| 29-1  | Dakota Campmeeting - DAA                      |  |
| July  |   |  |
| 4     | Office Closed - Independence Day              |  |
| 10-14 | Cub Camp at NLC (ages 8-10)                   |  |
| 14-21 | Junior Camp at NLC (ages 11-13)               |  |

Teen Camp at NLC (ages 14-17)

MAUC Ministerial Convention - Overland Park, KS

# June

| 1     | Dakota Campmeeting - DAA                               |
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| 2     | Dakota Constituency Session - DAA (9:00a)              |
| 3-4   | Office Closed - Recovery Day & Memorial Day (Observed) |
| 12-16 | Cub Camp at FMC (ages 8-10)                            |
| 16-23 | Junior Camp at FMC (ages 11-13)                        |
| 23-30 | Teen Camp at FMC (ages 14-17)                          |
| 30    | Executive Committee - Conference Office (10:00a)       |
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# August

| 5-12 | International Pathfinders Camporee - Gillette, WY    |
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| 25   | K-12 Board of Education - Conference Office (10:00a) |

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