

ADMINISTRATION

Report

DAVID JAMIESON NAMED UCC PRESIDENT

After much prayer and waiting on the Lord, Pastor David Jamieson has accepted the call to serve as president of Upper Columbia Conference beginning in January. He is currently lead pastor of Church in the Valley, located in Langley, British Columbia, Canada, and has been serving there for just over 20 years.

“My passion in ministry is reaching out to lost men and women and boys and girls with the everlasting gospel, in the context of the three angels’ messages, and helping them prepare for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ,” said David. “We want to encourage everyone everywhere to love God, love people, and serve the world.”

In July, the North Pacific Union Conference released a survey and John Freedman, NPUC president and chair of the nominating committee, encouraged all UCC members to fill out the survey and share their hopes for the future of the conference.

As the survey closed, more than 200 names were put forward for presidency. The NPUC administration prayerfully worked with the UCC nominating committee to select the per-



son God had chosen for the position.

David grew up in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada and attended Canadian Union College (now Burman University), where he met his wife, Shandra. He later went on to receive a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1989 and returned in 2009 to receive a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis in evangelism and church growth.

Before pastoring at Church in the Valley, David served as president of the Newfoundland Conference in Eastern Canada. David has traveled worldwide, speaking at conferences, and sharing seminars for pastors and laity highlighting

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U C C A D M I N I S T R A T I O N



1918

total students for 2021,
202 more than 2020



8.51

year-to-date tithe increase
compared to October 2020



278

baptisms to-date
for 2021



ACTIONS TAKEN AT 12.2.21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Administration update

- Worship was presented by the Upper Columbia Academy Octet.
- A department update was given by Jeremy McCombs, director of church ministries. McCombs reported on the success of the recent Prayeradigm seminar featuring Pavel Goia. The seminar will be followed up with several local seminars across the conference.
- Andrew McCrary, director of trust services, also gave a department report. McCrary shared a story of an unrestricted donation that recently came to their office unexpectedly, pushing 2021 unrestricted donations to more than \$1.5 million.
- Rodney Mills, UCC vice president for administration, shared the current conference membership statistical report. Across North American Division, the growth rate has trended down over the past decade, with the media age now at 48. To-date in 2021, there have been 278 baptisms/professions of faith across the conference. Mills also shared the wonderful story of a small church in Osborn, Idaho, that had 11 baptisms in a recent evangelistic campaign.

Financial update

- Allee Currier, UCC vice president for finance, presented an update on conference finances.
- The General Conference Auditing Service Report to

Governance was presented. The result was an unmodified opinion, which is that the auditor concluded that the overall financial statements were fairly represented and gave the conference a green light.

- The 2022 preliminary budget was presented and approved, along with the 2022 offering schedule.
- The position of associate treasurer was approved. The search will begin as soon as possible.

Education update

- Brian Harris, UCC vice president for education, gave an update from Office of Education.
- The education department has completed all exemptions or vaccine verifications as required by the state.
- Harris reviewed the strategic plan for 2020 and where the office of education is headed for the future.

Committee appointments

- Several committee appointments were made: Becki Rogers (lay member) – Conference Executive Committee; Erna Marquez (executive committee member) – Administrative and Finance Committee; Andreas Beccai (pastor) and Linda Sloop (lay member) – North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee; Florencio Bueno (pastor), Keith Walde (lay member), and Terrie Aamodt (lay member) – North Pacific Union Conference Nominating Committee.

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topics related to pastoral leadership, community outreach, and evangelism. Additionally, he has been the speaker-director for Faith Out Loud Canada, a 30-minute, five-days-a-week radio program, broadcast throughout all of Canada.

Shandra has supported David in ministry during their 36 years of marriage in multiple roles, including serving in many children's ministries divisions, VBS programs, local church guest services, and teaching in our Adventist Schools. Shandra also worked to ensure that their four children, Shantel, Stacia, Joshua and Jared, were raised in a strong, Adventist home, which contributed to their children's continued love for Christ and passion for ministry.

Shantel, their oldest child, lives in Burlington,

Washington, with her husband, Nathan, and their son, Jamieson. Stacia, their second daughter, lives in Mount Vernon, Washington, with her husband Michael. Their eldest son, Joshua, daughter-in-law, Emily, and youngest son, Jared, live in Loma Linda, California. All four children attended Walla Walla University.

"I am deeply humbled by and consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the Upper Columbia Conference," said David. "It is also abundantly clear to me that it will take all of us working together to advance God's kingdom in the Inland Northwest and beyond. So Shandra and I deeply covet your prayers and we look forward to meeting each of you."

ACTIVE PASTORAL SEARCHES

- Cashmere/Quincy/Wenatchee Spanish
- Central Valley Spanish/Granger Spanish/Wapato Spanish
- New Movement – Pasco
- Otis Orchards/Post Falls
- Sandpoint
- Walla Walla University (associate)

