

PRESIDENT'S report

ALL THINGS NEW — REACHING OUR COMMUNITIES IN 2027

Upper Columbia Conference is excited to participate in All Things New, the General Conference's mission and outreach initiative for 2027 inviting Seventh-day Adventists worldwide to engage in sharing Jesus and the gospel message through personal witness, community service, evangelism, and media.

Beginning in January 2027 every member in the Church's 13 world divisions is invited to participate in this worldwide mission emphasis culminating in evangelistic meetings and outreach in September 2027, the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus' baptism and the beginning of His earthly ministry.

In preparation for this worldwide mission emphasis, we have significantly increased our evangelism and Serve One More funds to the highest levels in more than a decade. These funds are available to you, your church, school, or ministry to share with everyone throughout our territory how Jesus can make all things new.

We are especially excited to see that All Things New is centered around four core pillars that we have already been emphasizing here in our conference — Pray Like Jesus, Serve Like Jesus, Share Jesus, and Follow Jesus.

Pray Like Jesus emphasizes spiritual renewal through prayer, Scripture, and time with Christ.



Members will be encouraged to participate in personal and group prayer and to once again read *The Desire of Ages* by Ellen G. White. Because before we can share Jesus with others, we need to spend time with Him so that they might see Christ reflected in us.



Serve Like Jesus encourages members and congregations, students and schools to engage in simple acts of kindness and community service that make a difference in this world for Jesus. Every member is encouraged to join the Serve One More movement and to become the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors.

Share Jesus mobilizes our members to distribute the new *Jesus Makes All Things New* condensed version of *The Desire of Ages* sharing book, participate in personal witnessing, share their faith in digital spaces, and engage in coordinated church and school evangelism and outreach efforts across our conference.

Follow Jesus focuses not only on baptism, but also discipleship, spiritual growth, Bible studies, and helping individuals take next steps in their faith journey.

All Things New is an amazing opportunity to introduce your friends and acquaintances to Jesus. He can make all things new in their lives because
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ACTIONS TAKEN AT 9.24.26 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Administration update

- Eric Saylor, director of ministerial & evangelism, gave a worship talk about Jesus as the shepherd.
- David Jamieson, president, gave a president's report and shared the recent success of the North American Division (NAD) ministry convention and North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Constituency Session. An official welcome was given to invitee Doug Bing, newly elected president of NPUC.
- Evangelism dollars are planning to be increased to the highest level in more than a decade to assist churches with All Things New, an NAD initiative to spread the Gospel.
- Richie Brower, director of community engagement provided a report on Adventist Community Services volunteer work during the recent fires in Spokane and other communities. The warehouse has been open seven days a week since August, helping those in need with food, necessities, and clothing. More than 240 volunteers have served more than 550 unique households.
- Jeff Wines, director of family, youth, & young adult ministries, presented a report on another successful year at Camp MiVoden. More than 550 campers attended this year, with 130 campers indicating that they are ready to begin baptism studies.
- Dustin Jones, director of communications, gave an update regarding the camp meeting pilot project. Since 2024, the convocations have doubled the attendance of the traditional camp meeting at Upper Columbia Academy, while lowering costs by 88%. It was voted to continue this approach.
- Eric Brown, UCC vice president for administration, provided a report from the secretariat office.
- Net growth in membership for July 2026 is about 0.9% at 27,815.
- Several churches throughout the conference do not currently qualify for church status. Some are working with the revitalization program. It was voted UCC administration bring a final recommendation back

to Executive Committee regarding church status realignment for those not working on revitalization.

Financial update

- Allee Currier, vice president for finance, shared a financial report.
- August year-to-date tithe showed a slight increase, as compared to prior year.
- Total expenses, as of July 31, are less than budgeted, providing some additional budget relief.
- In response to Washington Salary Threshold and rising costs, it was voted to transition pastors and teachers to a cost of living (COLA) based on local data.

Education update

- Adam Littell, vice president for education, presented an education report.
- Opening enrollment across the conference is 1,569, down from 1,710 last year.
- A Federal Scholarship Tax Credit may be available for some schools in the conference, depending on location. More details are expected late 2026.
- Reports were also shared from Cascade Christian Academy and Upper Columbia Academy.

Other actions

- Pastoral enabling actions - Filled:
 - Hermiston/Irrigon/Heppner – Aaron Payne (August 6)
 - WWU Associate Pastor – Lidija Runic (September 1)
 - WWU Associate Pastor – Nick Gosney (November 1)
- Pastoral enabling actions - Open:
 - Edgemere/Diamond Lake/Newport
 - Moses Lake Mission Center
 - Pastor for Leadership
 - Yakima Mission Center
 - Pastor for Leadership

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Scripture is clear that “He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Revelation 21:5.

Whether you invite a friend to church, share your faith online, participate in a Bible study, serve people in your community, or support your church's local evangelistic meetings, your influence will matter for eternity.

With this initiative will come additional resources provided by the North American Division, including

social media content and training, evangelistic literature, and additional information. We will continue to provide updates on these resources and how we are participating in All Things New in the coming months on our website at www.uccsda.org.

My prayer is that God will richly bless each of you, and our churches, schools, and ministries as we join His mission and begin to see Jesus make all things new in our own lives and the lives of others whom we meet.

