

PRESIDENT'S report

SPRING — AN EXCITING TIME!

With half of the year almost gone already, I am reminded of just how amazing Spring is. This moment that God has chosen to visibly remind us of newness and life. It is exciting!

As a conference, this spring has also been an exciting time. Foremost has been the significant work happening among our Spanish-speaking churches.

Through a collaboration between Pastor Walter Pintos, UCC director of Hispanic ministries, and Pastor Peter Simpson, vice president for Hispanic ministries at North Pacific Union, the “Prueba con Jesus” evangelistic caravan was conducted from April 17-25. This caravan is essentially a mobile outreach movement, traveling from city to city with a team of pastors, evangelists, musicians, and volunteers, who conducted evangelistic meetings in nine different locations throughout our conference.

From Spokane to Hermiston, Othello to Yakima, and Wenatchee to the Tri-Cities, this traveling caravan was used mightily by God to change lives and invite people to make decisions for Jesus. The result was that more than 240 individuals were baptized through this amazing outreach event. In fact, on April 25 at the closing event in Pasco, more than 1,500 people were in attendance and there was a long line of people who answered the call to come forward for baptism. Praise God!

The caravan has also had significant success in the

Idaho conference in early April, and next it moves through Washington Conference, and it is our hope that it is as successful there as it has been in both the Idaho and Upper Columbia Conferences.

Our Pathfinder Clubs have also experienced an exciting Spring this year as well. Did you know that three of our UCC Pathfinder Clubs excelled at the Pathfinder Bible Experience? These young people spent a huge amount of time learning and remembering whole sections of the Bible and throughout the year had their knowledge and their memories tested at the NPUC Pathfinder Bible Experience,

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Goldendale Pathfinder Club



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Otis Orchards Pathfinder Club

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ACTIONS TAKEN AT 5.7.26 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Administration update

- Walter Pintos, director of Hispanic ministries presented a worship thought and gave a brief summary of the recent Hispanic Caravan event.
- David Jamieson, president, gave a president's report about the successes of recent conference events, the UCC Pathfinder Clubs at Pathfinder Bible Experience, and WWU Convocation.
- Eric Brown, UCC vice president for administration, provided a report from the secretariat office.
- First quarter net growth in membership is about 0.2%.
- Twenty-one churches in the conference have experienced growth in at least two of the last three years. Twenty-two churches have experienced a decline for six years or more. Of those, 13 churches are in critical condition, with a steady decline over 10 years or more.
- After surveying staff, teachers, pastors, and executive committee regarding possible ways to safeguard the financial future of UCC, administration is exploring and developing all options for future Executive Committee review.

Financial update

- Allee Currier, vice president for finance, shared a financial report.
- April year-to-date tithe showed a slight increase, as compared to prior year.
- Pastoral vacancies and departments operating below budget are providing some relief from the impact of

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which brought Pathfinder clubs together from across the Union. We had three Pathfinder clubs that qualified from the NPUC event to move on to the North American Division Pathfinder Bible Experience held this spring in Florida. So, I would like to share my congratulations to our Pathfinder Clubs in Goldendale, Otis Orchards, and Yakima for finishing in first place at the NAD PBE event. You have certainly represented our Conference well.

Finally, I want to give a report on our Convocation in Walla Walla on May 1-2. Dr. Tim Madding, director of the NAD evangelism institute, and musician Jamie Jorge shared powerful messages and music to

Washington Salary Threshold, inflation, and rising insurance costs.

- Sandi Bowman, manager of ABC Christian Bookstore, gave highlights on College Place ABC and the efforts there.
- It was voted that the Spokane ABC cautiously continue the ministry of the College Place ABC while monitoring the financial viability of that store.

Education update

- Adam Littell, vice president for education, presented an education report.
- Outdoor school was held at Camp MiVoden this year for 5th and 6th graders.
- The education department continues to work to fill open positions, with 16 still needing to be filled.

Other actions

- Tim Shafer was appointed as director of Information & Technology Services and Richie Brower was appointed as director of Community Engagement.
- It was voted that UCC Constituency Session will be held on the campus of Upper Columbia Academy on September 26, 2027.
- It was voted to approve sending a letter to the union and division officers expressing concern regarding the financial pressures that UCC is facing.
- Pastoral enabling actions - Filled:
 - WWU Senior Pastor – Albert Handel
 - Walla Walla Eastgate – Nathan Hellman

all who attended. Over and over again we heard how many people were blessed by this area-wide event. WWU students and church members also banded together for four Serve One More activities, including free oil changes and automotive repairs for more than 34 individuals and families, bringing flowers and cookies to show appreciation for nurses and staff at St. Mary's hospital, a community fair at the Village Church youth center providing resources and fun activities for children and families, and planting trees and property cleanup at Milton Adventist School. What an exciting Spring!



Yakima Pathfinder Club



WWU youth take part in local service projects