

2017/2018 MINISTRIES REPORT

ADVENTURER CLUB (Amapola Francisco): The Adventurer Club ended the 2016-17 club year with 54 Adventurers and 18 volunteer staff representing 31 families. We welcomed 9 new families into the club. Last February, we had our family fun night in the Camellia and Family Life rooms, where the club provided dinner, games, and a film. We paired up families to get to know each other better in a more casual setting, followed by a fun game of Bible charades. We ended the evening with a film called "Storytime in Africa" and provided popcorn for everyone. Last April, we had our Adventurer Sabbath church service where the children led in various roles for worship. Later that same month, we had our NCC annual family fun day field trip at the historic gold rush town of Columbia. In May, we had a private field trip to Safetyville where the children learned road safety, health, fitness, dental hygiene, and stranger danger. They also had fun riding their bikes, scooters, and roller blades in a unique 1/3 scale city perfect for their size! Also this year, one of our members won the NCC annual pin design contest for the first time! Her drawing was turned into a cloisonné pin that was distributed to all the Northern California Adventurer Clubs. It was also featured in the April 2017 issue of the Pacific Union Recorder magazine. Another highlight of the year is ADRA, which will be featuring our club in an upcoming newsletter that will be mailed out to all their donors. They were happy to hear about the fund raising the children did last winter to raise money for the group contribution they sent, and want to share our group's photo and story. Finally, we wrapped up our blessed and wonderful year with our Investiture ceremony last June.

BIBLE WORKER (JeAnn Davis): I am currently working with contacts from NCC, Amazing Facts, AIM, Desire of Ages mail-outs, and It Is Written. I also have contacts from the Last Empire Series including the AFOE contacts, member contacts and those who have called the church requesting Bible studies. I'm currently preparing 7 people for baptism. I'm working with the Central Bible Working Team and their contacts. Currently developing and training an outreach team through the Light Sacramento! project. For 2017-2018 my goal is to continue teaching, training and helping members engage in ministry through training programs and hands on work, continue nurturing all contacts and new believers and giving Bible studies and preparation for baptisms, more Bible work and outreach training seminars for church members.

BOOK MINISTRY (Ruben Cantu): Book Ministry is moving forward in building a website with lots of help from our friends in IT. With an account through Adventist Giving, we will be able to service more members. They can go to our website, check the books we offer and give the donation cost. We prepare the books on the first Sabbath and we can give the books to the members the following Sabbath. We look forward to a successful year. The Book Ministry is on the verge of becoming a solemn promise to the passing out of books like THE LEAVES OF AUTUMN. We treasure your prayers, gifts and offerings. We cannot accept donations of books, except the *Conflict of The Ages* series, *Steps to Christ* and limited other books. We look forward to this new step in faith in opening this website.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SCHOOL (Shirley Hope): As always, the Children's Sabbath School is focused on improving the Sabbath School experience for our children and leading them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and His love for us. This is done through Bible Stories, Nature lessons, Music, Mission Stories, Crafts and other creative methods presented by our volunteer leaders and teachers. Since we have a shortage of musicians to play for the children, the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Earliteen Sabbath School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sabbath to have song service together; they break up for their individual classes at 9:45 a.m. We are now presenting 13th Sabbath programs throughout the year and are planning a program to promote the children to the next Sabbath School class level in June. We plan to continue with 13th Sabbath programs and will provide programming for the children whenever needed throughout the year. We are now planning for Vacation Bible School 2017. Our VBS program for this year is titled Cactusville, where kids learn to follow Jesus. We have a wonderful group of faithful volunteers helping with our

children's program, but are in need of more volunteers to assist us in giving our children a head start on the path to salvation. We are looking forward to a full year in the Children's Sabbath School. Our children are our most important asset!

DISCIPLESHIP (Seymour Morgan): Projects Accomplished in 2016/2017 were: Reviewed and revised the Discipleship Committee's Mission Statement; added two new members to the committee; continuation of Ministry Minute presentations; reviewed and revised the New Believers' Orientation process; and completion of the Church-wide Ministry Fair. Planned Projects for 2017/2018 are: Develop and implement a mentoring and nurturing program for all New Believers; collaborate with the Small Group Ministry Leader in the development of Small Groups; continue to encourage New Believers through face-to-face contact, telephone calls, and/or email to participate in our New Believers' Sabbath School Class and third Sabbath luncheons; continue to complete purchasing of the book *Christ's Way of Making Disciples* for Ministry Leaders; and follow through on Natural Church Development survey.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY (Seymour Morgan, Assist Chair): Projects Accomplished in 2016/2017 were: Completed two fund-raising events; completed workshops on: Couples Communication, Parenting and Effective Communication; and canvassed for new members to join the Family Life Ministry. Project Planned for 2017-2018 is seeking a Ministry Leader.

FOOD CLOSET (Willem van der Veen): The food closet continues to be open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The food closet will continue to serve the community in giving out food to those in need.

GREETER'S MINISTRY (Ray & Elizabeth Rengifo): First impressions are lasting ones! The Greeter Ministry is one of the most important roles anyone can have. The greeter is the first person our members and guests come in contact with every Sabbath morning, as they enter through the church doors. The greeter does their best to make the atmosphere of the church warm and inviting. They share a yearly assignment that covers the entrance doors and Hostess Desk each Sabbath. Presently, we had some greeters that have stepped down due to illness, taken other ministries, or moved out of the area. At our last Ministry Fair, Praise the Lord, five new persons showed interest in becoming a Church Greeter! A big thanks to them and to those greeters that have served for more than 15 years. Besides greeting at the doors Sabbath morning, our Greeters also assist with Church Concerts, Seminars and Special Events. At the moment, we are still in need of a few more greeters to serve in 2017-2018. Our yearly Greeters Meeting/Training has been schedule for the fourth Sabbath in October 2017.

MEDIA MINISTRY (Pastor Chris Buttery): Central has been running its very own independent media ministry for 2½ years now. It wouldn't be possible without the 30+ volunteers who share their time and expertise in putting together quality, Christ-centered television programming, and the financial support of each of our members. We continue to air Central Study Hour (CSH) each week on 3ABN Proclaim (Fri. @ 7 PM & Sat. 6 AM) as well as Firstlight Broadcasting (FLB) out of New Zealand. FLB also picks up our Receiving The Word (RTW) programs, which also air 4 times a week on Sacramento Faith TV. Both CSH and RTW are made available through our website (podcasts) and YouTube Channel. The average number of online hits per month has increased from 3,500 to close to an average of 4,500 over the last 6 months. It is this ministry's plan to find more outlets to air these important programs on so more people can learn Bible truth and discover Jesus as their Savior in preparation for His soon return.

MEN'S MINISTRY (Ray Rengifo): Men's Ministry meets every second Sabbath of the month in the Junior Room following the worship service. Men continue to be blessed by devotions, prayer and moving testimonies given by guests and members of our church. Men find comfort in the company of fellow church brothers, as well as find encouragement and support. Men of all ages are welcome! Men's Prayer Breakfasts (MPB) have been successful for the past few years in bringing the men of the church together in large

numbers in 2016 and 2017. Quarterly MPB with special guest speakers are currently being planned for the remaining part of the year, and the coming new year. Thank you to all the men for your support and for those who make a point to be there every month!

MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY (Charles Le): In 2017, our numbers did not change much. We sent out 714 DVDs per month: 476 sermons and 238 Sabbath Schools. We sent out 285 CDs per month: 190 sermons and 95 Sabbath Schools. The mailings go out bi-weekly. We lost and gained a couple of mailing members in 2016/2017.

PATHFINDERS (Leticia Karn): Pathfinders is a worldwide organization focusing on the needs and development of our church members and hopefully soon-to-become members, ages 10 - 15. Since we meet on Sabbath afternoons, we are keeping the Spiritual focus our biggest priority. Two camping trips are scheduled for our club with the teens being able to go on two additional challenging camp trips. We also have annual community outreach: a food drive, Christmas caroling at convalescent homes and feeding the homeless. Last July we participated in a 4th of July parade and handed out about 700 Glow tracts. We appreciate the support of our Church family and friends during our annual conference sponsored bike-a-thon fundraiser in April. We are blessed to be able to have a Pathfinder Club in our church where kids can learn life skills in a Christian environment.

PRAYER MINISTRY (Yolanda Price): We continue to receive approximately 35 prayer requests online each month. These request (from all over the world) are forwarded to six prayer team members to pray over. We now have a Prayer Ministry email address (pray@saccentral.org). We are working on utilizing our ministry web page for advertisement, information, etc. At the May 2017 Ministry Fair information was distributed to church members and visitors. Starting in June 2017, every fourth Sabbath we will have our Prayer Ministry Lunch and Learn meeting in which everyone is invited.

QUILTING MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): We continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month in the Family Life Room. We have added one new quilter and the Ministry Fair promised a few more. We have made beautiful quilts and presented three for baby dedications in 2017. We welcome anyone who would like to learn quilting! All that's required is a willingness to learn, a sewing machine, and a few supplies.

SENIOR MINISTRY: (Ray Rengifo): Sacramento Central Church seniors have come together and expressed a desire to have their own ministry. Several plans and ideas were discussed. However, due to illness, plans to move forward were temporarily placed on hold. The group plans to reorganize and draft a Mission and Vision Statement. Once approved, the ministry will become an official organized ministry of Sacramento Central Church. Please send your ideas or suggestions to: Rengifo5976@surewest.net.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY (Richard Anger/Robert Aguilar): Small Groups:
L= Learning from the bible; **I**= Inspired by prayer; **F**= Fellowship; **E**= Evangelizing our community

This acronym more accurately portrays the intent of Central's Small Groups. The bible describes the original church in Acts 3:42-47 and in that passage, we are told that "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved". God's original church consisted of small groups and we believe His last day church will reflect the original. LIFE groups will be the glue that holds our people together when the time of trouble descends upon the earth. This ministry has been relatively quiet during the past year; however, that is about to change. Central will soon, as part of "Operation Joash", place a focus upon small groups. You can expect to see in the near future a series of sermons geared towards small groups. Exciting things are about to happen as God brings His children into true fellowship through small groups. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact either Elder Anger at 916-681-3990,

richardanger@peoplepc.com, or Robert Aguilar at 916-681-0107, lamore1214@aol.com.

USHER MINISTRY (Jim Beal): The first usher was Jesus. He gave Adam and Eve a thorough tour of their new home, the "Garden of Eden." Adam and Eve were new to the garden and Jesus ushered them about and made them feel at home. How can we do the same for new people attending Sacramento Central Church? The greeters greet them; the information people inform them, then what? The ushers are the next "ambassadors" for Jesus Christ. What an honor the Lord has given us. The typical responsibilities of an usher are emotionally and spiritually rewarding. Some of our ~~guests~~ are hurting, some may be thinking of suicide and some are praying to find a church where they can feel the love of Jesus. The Bible states that at times we may be entertaining angels (Hebrews 13:2)- what an honor the Lord has given us. (see My Life Today p.178). We are blessed to be ushers in Sacramento Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please come and join us. For more information, please contact Brother Jim Beal: (916) 456-5309 or jbeal@kmsinfo.net.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY (Jan Nichols): Meetings on the 2nd Sabbath of each month continue to be well attended. Our meetings consist of tasty potlucks followed by devotions, testimonies, birthday celebrations, and first timers always receive a special gift. We had our annual holiday lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory with good food, good conversation, and gift exchange. A Prayer Brunch is planned for July. Our Tuesday morning Bible studies are a blessing and one lady has been baptized. Praise the Lord! All are welcome to attend.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (Samuel Tablas): Within the last year Sacramento Central's young adult group has grown considerably. We have been able to get some consistent group members and have received a few visitors as well. Now that we have a few consistent members, we would like to begin to plan basic events such as outings, outreach, picnics and hikes. We have been planning on starting an Adventist college group at Sacramento State University as well as increasing our presence on other campuses in coming months. Books our group plan to read to help our journey will be *The Pilgrims Progress*, *Lessons of Faith* by Elliot J. Waggoner and Alonzo T. Jones, and lastly, *Testimonies for the Church*. We hope that we could get the church's full support for our plans and continued prayers.

YOUTH MINISTRY (Larry Young): Youth ministry hit the ground running. We found ourselves so far behind; we are doing our planning on the run under the banner of Christian Youth Living and surviving in this Day and Age. As youth class teacher we have been inviting different professionals to come in and talk to the class on how they use their Christian lifestyles in their workplace and how to build a solid foundation in Christ. As we speed up, making new plans for the summer to rebuild our AYS programs, we are requesting a new AYS time which is 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening at the park or river bank. The entire church is to be included. The programs would be presented by the Youth of Sacramento Central.