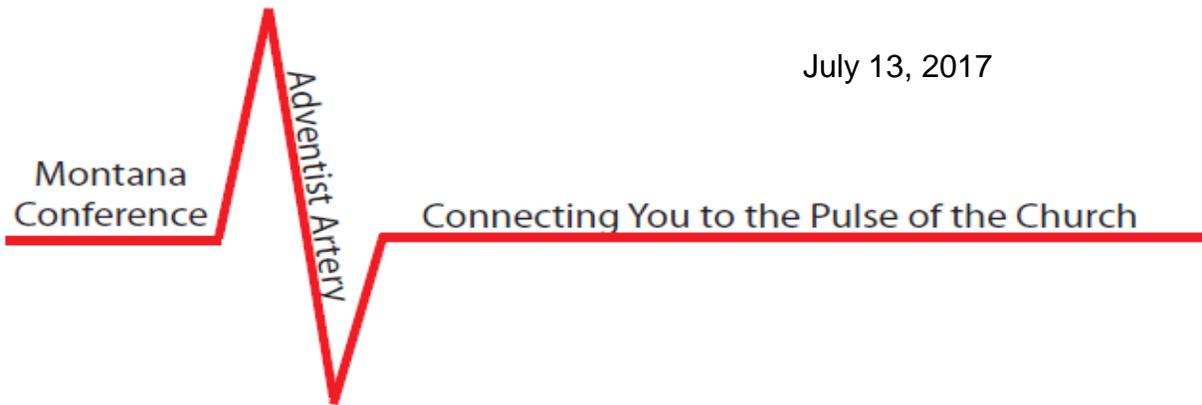


July 13, 2017



## MONTANA

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION FROM JOHN FREEDMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:** The newly elected Board of Directors (BOD) of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, gathered to conduct business for the first time on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Starting at 9 am in the Conference office located in Bozeman, Montana with a full agenda, every Board member was in attendance. John Freedman, president of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC), chaired the meeting, assisted by John Loor, NPUC Vice-President for Administration. Montana Conference interim VP's for Finance and Education, Elaine Hagele and James Mason, were also present.

The major item on the agenda was a one hour meeting with Ron and Buffy Halvorsen. Ron is currently the president of the Ohio Conference. He is considering the invitation extended to him at the Montana Conference Constituency Meeting on June 18, 2017 to serve as the next Montana Conference president. When we ended our discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing the Montana Conference, the BOD was invited by John Freedman to participate in a season of prayer, kneeling and laying hands on the Halvorsens, asking God to guide them in making this vitally important decision. We will know how the Lord has led them by early next week. Please lift the Halvorsens up before the Lord in prayer as we await their phone call.

The BOD worked together very well and everyone participated in the discussions. The Holy Spirit created a sweet spirit among the members and it was a joy to chair the meeting. The Holy Spirit is anointing and guiding, in answer to prayer, the Montana Conference during this time of leadership transition. We do not know yet what the end result will be, however, we do know that as we pray and trust in Him, continuing to place the Montana Conference in God's capable and compassionate hands, all things will work together for good. Rom. 8:28. I'm reminded once again that we have nothing to fear for the future, except we forget how God has led us in the past.

**BEAR CANYON FARM:** There is a small scale farm/market garden in the formation stage called Bear Canyon Farm, a non-profit entity. It will be leasing land around the Mount Ellis Academy campus and will be led by a small board of directors. Currently, the board members are: Eric Harris, Brian Nystrom, Jerry Wernick, and Alix Harris. The ultimate goal of this organization is to help provide educational and job opportunities for the students at Mount Ellis Academy and educational opportunities for Mount Ellis Elementary. It will also provide a way for community outreach through direct to consumer goods. We are hoping to have this farm functioning by the beginning of 2018. Please keep this project in your prayers as it is being established. We are still looking for a farm manager and anyone else willing to share their skills and expertise. We will be applying for a 1-1 matching grant up to \$50,000 and are hoping for support to get this project up and going. To contact someone about this project, call or text Eric Harris at 406-750-1367 or email at: [eharris23@hotmail.com](mailto:eharris23@hotmail.com). More information will follow soon.

**HELP NEEDED:** Carpenters are needed to help do some structural repairs on the Fort Belknap Church starting August 13-through the week until finished. They could also use a couple fellows with a good strong back. If you are able to help any time during this week on this volunteer project please call Leigh Van Asperen at (208) 610-3004.

**YOUNG ADULT CAMPOUT:** The Montana Young Adults Campout (formerly MTYC) will be held at the Log Gulch Campground on Holter Lake, north of Helena, from Thursday, July 27, through Sunday, July 30. Come join us for a weekend of friendship, worship, waterskiing/wakeboarding, eating, discussions about a life shaped by faith, and more. This is open to any young adults (including your friends from other faith traditions) in the 18-30 age range (minimum age: 18). The cost is \$45/person which covers meals, campsite registration, etc. Click [HERE](#) to download the form.

**MESSIAH'S MANSION:** The Messiah's Mansion Sanctuary exhibit, a life-size scale of the Old Testament tabernacle, is coming to Bozeman July 29 - August 6. We are currently seeking volunteers to help make this exciting event a success! If you are looking for an opportunity to plug in, please prayerfully consider signing up for the following:

- set up, (July 27-28)
- survey tent, prayer tent, greeter, security (July 29-Aug 6)
- take down (Aug 7).



This is also a great chance for your church or group to volunteer together! Let us know how many people and what day/hours would work best and we will plug you in to the schedule.

If you are unable to be hands on but would like to help, there are still many ways to support this ministry!

- like and share our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bozemansanctuarytours](http://www.facebook.com/bozemansanctuarytours)
- share our website [bozemansanctuarytours.com](http://bozemansanctuarytours.com)
- tell your friends about the free tour
- hand out flyers or put up posters in your area

Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for our volunteers and each person going through the tour.

Please contact Melissa Stuber for more information or to sign up!  
406-570-6212 or [melissastuber@gmail.com](mailto:melissastuber@gmail.com).

**EASTERN MONTANA YOUTH CONVOCATION:** The eastern Montana youth convocation will be August 31-September 3 at the Eastern Montana Bible Camp in Bloomfield, Montana. Jonathan Zita, the executive director of Lifestyle Canada will be the speaker. All youth, young adults, families and young at heart are invited. The cost \$15.00 per person, per day with 6 and under free. There will be a free will/Faith offering and gifts will be received to cover the cost of food and other expenses. There will be a Potluck - Sabbath Lunch. There is on-campus housing on a first come basis. There are motels in Glendive and Sidney Montana for off -campus housing which you will need to personally arrange. There will be a special program for the children with Linda Schaffner leading out. For more information, contact Melissa Silva at 540-729-0818 or [angel.lilac@gmail.com](mailto:angel.lilac@gmail.com).

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** "From Broken to Beautiful." Women's Retreat will be in Choteau, Montana September 8-10. Call Lanette Brown for more info at 1(406) 662-3406.

**STEWARDSHIP:** "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa (1910-97), Catholic missionary to India.

\*Taken from <http://www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/stewardship-Quotes.pdf>.

## MONTANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR

### July

27-30: Montana Young Adults Campout-Holter Lake  
29-Aug 6: Messiah's Mansion Tour

### August

13: MEA Registration

### September

8-10: Women's Retreat  
22-24: Men's Summit



## HEALTH TIP

**SWEET SLEEP:** Did you know that too much sleep is bad for your health? Additionally, lack of sleep is equally bad for your health, contributing to weight gain, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stress. Getting the right amount of sleep is important for your health. Read this health discussion from Light Bears Ministry. [Read More.](#)

## FUN FACT



**SHARING, CARING FORESTS:** Scientists have learned that the trees in a forest share their food. Here's how it works: Some trees get more than enough nutrients, while others might go hungry. But underground, a vast network of roots and fungi makes sure the food is evenly distributed.

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