

June 8, 2017



MONTANA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NEW DIRECTIONS: Actions taken by the Montana Conference Nominating Committee during its June 4 meeting at the conference office indicate that new directions are in store for the upcoming constituency session on June 18. The committee has recommended new names for consideration as president and interim roles to temporarily fill the vice president for finance and education positions until a new president is in place to give additional input to more long-term selections. Interim roles are critical due to Sharon Staddon's retirement and Phil Hudema's acceptance of a new position in British Columbia. The nominating committee members did thorough, serious, prayerful work and a good spirit was evident throughout the meeting. Additional details will be shared with delegates and the entire constituency as soon as possible.

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. More information will follow soon.

CAMP MEETING OFFERINGS: The Camp Meeting Committee has voted a change in one of the offerings that is collected at Camp Meeting. Friday evening offering will be going toward Evangelism around the Montana Conference. Please consider making a special offering for reaching Montana for Jesus. We want you to have this information prior to coming to the grounds so that you will have opportunity to think and pray about this opportunity ahead of time. Let's see what we can do as a group Friday, June 16 as we worship together.



CAMP MEETING: Montana camp meeting held at Mount Ellis Academy will be June 14-17, 2017 with the constituency meeting on the 18th. Be sure and register ahead to reserve your camp space (the dorms are full) by calling 406-587-3101 or by email to laryssa.barlow@mc.npuc.org. The speaker this year is Randy Roberts, senior pastor at the Loma Linda church.

CAMP MEETING ORCHESTRA: A Camp Meeting Orchestra is being planned for the Friday evening and Sabbath song services. Bring an instrument and we will provide you with a chair, a music stand, and music. Plan to meet in the gymnasium at 6:30 on Friday and Sabbath evenings, and 9:00 am for Sabbath School, and immediately after Sabbath School for the Worship Service. RSVP Pastor John Bryson at 406-850-9924 or jbryson511@gmail.com if you would like to take part.

LADIES TEA: You are invited to the 2017 Ladies Tea June 16th, 2017 at 4:30 pm to 6 pm. Transportation will be available. Please meet by the gymnasium. The speaker will be Anita Roberts. Join us for a light summer meal. Supporting our women's retreat, a \$5.00 donation is recommended.

SUMMER CAMP: Montana Conference summer camp is held each year at Camp Paxson in Seeley Lake, Montana. June 25-July 2 for ages 9-15. The cost is \$260 for the week. **The deadline for receiving applications is June 18.** Click [HERE](#) for an application and more information.



SAVE THE DATE: 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. Attached is a registration form. You can also go [HERE](#) to download the form.

MESSIAH'S MANSION: Messiah's Mansion is coming to Bozeman! It is a life-size replica of the sanctuary. This group, based out of Oklahoma, travels around the world to bring people not only a full-scale example of the Old Testament sanctuary, but much more! Through guided tours they explain the historical aspects and walk you through the plan of salvation, which is brought to life with the visual aid of the sanctuary furniture. These tours are open and free to the public! It is a wonderful opportunity for our church to share the beautiful message of the sanctuary with our friends in the surrounding communities and beyond. Be sure to spread the word!



The Bozeman tour dates are set for July 29 – August 6, 2017. We are currently in the planning stages and are looking for people willing to share their talents to make this outreach a success. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas: Set up and take down, passing out flyers, site security, meal prep and serving (for tour crew), greeting, prayer tent, survey tent. We would also appreciate prayers on behalf of the volunteers and those who will be coming for a tour.

To learn more about Messiah's Mansion visit www.bozemansanctuarytours.com. Look for us on Facebook @bozemansanctuarytours and be sure to share with your friends! If you are interested in helping or want more information, please email or call Melissa Stuber to sign up (melissastuber@gmail.com or 406.570.6212).

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.

MONTANA CONFERENCE CALENDAR	
June	
14-17:	Camp Meeting
18:	Constituency Meeting
25-July 2:	Camp Paxson
July	
27-30:	Montana Young Adults Campout-Holter Lake
29-Aug 6:	Messiah's Mansion Tour



STEWARDSHIP: "Giving is more than a responsibility---it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience---it is evidence of our faith." William Arthur Ward (1921-1994) American educator

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

FUN FACT

In the time it takes to read this sentence, lightning has flashed more than 500 times on this planet.

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