

Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington

W.A.R.M. ~ April 14-16, 2015 Western Area Regional Ministerium Sacramento, CA

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Oklahoma City Site for COG June Convention

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In true Be-Bold fashion, the Church of God 2015 Convention at Oklahoma City, OK, boasts dynamic speakers and musicians—Francis Chan. Shane & Shane, Anita Renfroe, Larnelle Harris-check out the slate of pictures and names.

Yet JESUS is the Subject! Exciting things are happening in the Church of God as we work together to reclaim ground lost to the enemy.

June 23-25, 2015 are the dates for this year's big event. Register by mail or online. Change the world!







Ministers' Gathering May 2

Ministers and their spouses are invited to an important meeting at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon, Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. to approve ordination candidates and to review ministerial details formerly covered at the Spring Celebration gatherings. Session 1, with speaker Daniel Ortman, "Time and Technology" is scheduled from 10:45-Noon. Following lunch is Session 2, with Dr. Lou Foltz, "Communication Skills: Health and Language Used with Staff and Volunteers".

Please register for this meeting on the website: orwacog.org. There is a \$5 fee for lunch.



Church of God Convention 2015

To register, and for more information, see jesusisthesubject.org/

















NOTICE **Annual Business Meeting** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 Warner Pacific College Campus Save the Date!



2015 W.A.R.M. Conference Antelope Road Christian Fellowship - Sacramento, CA April 14-16, 2015 WWW.WARMCOG.ORG



Dr. Lori Salierno

Rev. Bob Marvel



Western Area Regional Ministerium (WARM) Co-Sponsored by: Church of God Ministries, Servant Solutions & Warner Pacific College

2015 W.A.R.M. Conference - April 14-16

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

| 3:00-5:00pm | Registration/Meet & Greet |
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| 5:00-6:00pm | Banquet |
| 6:30-8:30pm | Main Session - Dr. Lori Salerno & Rev. Bob Marvel |
| 8:30-9:00pm | Dessert |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

| 9:00-11:00am | Main Session - Rev. Bob Marvel |
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| 11:30-12:30pm | Lunch |
| 12:45-2:00pm | Breakouts - Dr. Lori Salerno & Rev. Bob Marvel |
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| 5:00-6:00pm | Dinner |
| 6:30-8:30pm | Main Session - Dr. Lori Salemo & Rev. Bob Marvel |
| 8:30-9:00pm | Dessert |
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THURSDAY, APRIL 16

| 9:00-9:45am | Church of God Update - Dr. Jim Lyon, Executive Director |
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| 10:00-11:45am | Final Session - Dr. Lori Salerno |

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Location:

Greater Metro Sacramento Area

Spouses & Retired Ministers \$69 LATE FEE of \$20 applies after March 30, 2015

Registration Cost: Ist Registration

Hotel Information:

Call 916.784.2222

Antelope Road Christian Fellowship- Citrus Heights, CA

Best Western Plus Orchid Hotel & Suites - Roseville, CA Special "WARM" Rate: \$89/night + tax (Rate available til March 30)

1st Registration \$109 Each Additional Registration \$89 (When registered at the some time)

INCLUDED: Tuesday Dinner, Wednesday Lunch & Dinner

Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet & Conference Shuttle

Registration and Conference Details

WWW.WARMCOG.ORG - 503.639.4000 Register Online or Send to: 15670 SW 98th Ave., Tigard, OR 97224

Rainier Basement Sale: Success



Rainier Church of God held a basement sale March 6-7, to help raise funds for youth camps. Local Boy Scouts helped clean up in time for Sunday services, and delivered leftover items to a thrift shop in the County.



ChoG Yearbook Announcement

Printed copies of the 2015 Church of God yearbook will be available in June at the Church of God convention. Advance yearbook orders will be mailed beginning at the end of June. Please contact Church of God Ministries at 800-848-2464 with questions

Please check jesusisthesubjecg.org for updates.

6th Annual WPC President's Tea and Scholarship Auction

Tickets are available now for Warner Pacific's 6th Annual President's Tea and Scholarship Auction which supports the Act Six Scholarship program at the College. The event provides an opportunity to meet the needs of underserved and first-generation college students as they pursue their higher education goals. This year's Tea features one of Portland's favorite gospel singers, Liz Vice, as the keynote speaker and Warner Pacific Act Six Scholars Luwam Kahassay '15 and Bronson Enos '15.

Please join us and help students flourish. Fundraiser for the Act Six Scholarship program includes:

- Silent and Verbal auctions featuring trips, dinners, cooking classes, experiences, and more
- Traditional High Tea menu
- Paddle Raise
- Special performance by keynote speaker, Liz Vice

Saturday, April 18, 2015 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (starts with coffee, conversation, and Silent Auction)

Tickets: \$35 per person or \$245 for a table of 7 Tickets can be purchased securely online (find a link at <u>warnerpacific.edu/tea</u><<u>http://www.warnerpacific.edu/</u> <u>tea</u>>) RSVP deadline is April 10

Warner Pacific College - with plenty of free parking 2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland, Or Office of Advancement: 503.517.1114 <u>http://www.warnerpacific.edu/tea</u>>

This year, we welcome a Portland gem, **Liz Vice**, as our keynote speaker and special guest performer. Her



debut album, There's a Light, features 10 tracks of her dynamic, soulful vocals and lyrics that showcase her deep Christian faith. As the middle child of five siblings and raised by a single mother, Vice will share her rich story of faith, redemption, and hope. <u>www.noisetrade.com/lizvice</u>

About Act Six Scholars Luwam Kahassay and Bronson Enos: Luwam is a Social Entrepreneurship major who is excited to gradate and pursue her calling of building community relationships that spark innovative social change. Bronson was inspired by the challenges of his past to pursue a degree in Social work. He's looking forward to finding authentic ways to relate to young people, encouraging them to reach their fullest potential. Both graduate this May 2015. (Continued on Page 4)

WPC Basketball Coach Named Cascade Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year

After a 25-win season and a CCC Co-Championship, post-season accolades rolled in for the Warner Pacific men's basketball team. Four Knight players received All-CCC awards and <u>Jared</u> <u>Valentine</u> was voted Cascade Conference Coach of the Year. <u>http://www.warnerpacific.edu/wpc-coachnamed-ccc-coach-of-the-year/</u>

Providing 2nd Chances to Flourish

Recently, Earl Jones, a member of the basketball team, was featured in a *Portland Tribune* article where he shared how being given a second chance to flourish at the game he loves gave him new direction in a career choice and life. <u>http://www.warnerpacific.edu/</u> providing-a-second-chance-to-flourish/

Warner Pacific welcomes 6th Cadre of Act Six Scholars

Act Six provides leadership training and full scholarships for emerging urban and community leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities. We welcome our 6th cadre to the Warner Pacific family. They will begin their college journey in the fall 2015. <u>http://www.warnerpacific.edu/meet-our-new-act-sixcadre-6/</u>

President's Tea 2015

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About Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative: The Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative is Oregon's only full-tuition, full-need scholarship for emerging urban leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home. Headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, Act Six's national office operates under the auspices of the Northwest Leadership Foundation, a Christian-based organization that addresses issues of inequality and injustice in urban settings. Act Six recruits diverse, multi-cultural cadres of Portland's most promising emerging leaders. Once accepted into the program, students are trained within their "cadres" for a year prior to college entrance.

Upcoming Events

Warner Pacific hosts the Faith & Culture Writers Conference

April 10– 11 \$199 per person WPC, 2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland Register here: http://faithandculturewriters.com/register/

 President's Tea & Scholarship Auction (6th annual)

http://www.warnerpacific.edu/tea/ April 18 starting at 10:30 am \$35 per person or \$245 for a table of 7 WPC, 2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland Register at https://warner pacific.webconnex.com/ presidentstea15

 Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert April 22 at 7:30 pm Free WPC, 2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland

Rev. Willie T. Barrow

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of one of our Alumna, Rev. Willie T. Barrow, civil rights icon and a Chicago institution. While studying ministry at WPC (then Pacific Bible College), she organized the first African



she organized the first African American Church of God. In the 1950s she became active in the civil rights movement, working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She helped found Operation Breadbasket in Chicago, which grew into Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity, later People United to Serve Humanity). http://bit.ly/1F4E9MP

Edwards Assigned to KIST

NAME:

Bob and Jan Edwards

COUNTRY: Kenya

ASSIGNMENT: Bob will be teaching and consulting at KIST (Kima International School of Theology); Jan will serve as hospitality coordinator.

APPOINTMENT DATE March 11, 2015

LENGTH OF TERM: Four Months

TARGET LEAVE DATE: April 7, 2015

INTRODUCTION:

Bob and Jan were missionaries with the Church of God for thirty-two years. They served in rural Tanzania, in the large urban centers of Kenya, and then as regional coordinators (RC) for Africa. For their last four years on the mission field, they served as the





Middle East. Before his retirement at the end of 2013, Bob served for eleven years as the director of Global Missions for the Church of God Ministries. He holds a master of divinity from the School of Theology in Anderson University, and a master of theology in missions, and a doctor of missiology from the School of World Missions, Fuller Theological Seminary. Bob and Jan have two grown children-Dontie (Edwards) Kidwell and Nathan. They have three grandchildren. Dontie and her husband Christopher served as missionaries with Samaritan's Purse in Zimbabwe for two years. Their son Nathan is presently serving as a missionary with Global Missions in the role of mental health counselor at a large missionary kid's school in Kenya. Bob and Jan are world Christians who love the Lord deeply and have dedicated their lives to making Christ known across the cultures and peoples of the globe.

PROJECT #: 42.11170

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Europe and the

Regions Review Proposed Bylaws and Governance Policy

Rev. David Shrout met with Region 5 representatives (Rainier, Scappoose and St. Helens, OR and Longview, WA,) at the St. Helens Church of God Saturday, March 7.

The purpose of the meeting was to present proposed changes to the transitional bylaws and policy for the new governance structure, to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting July 29, during Summer Celebration.

Similar meetings will take place in each region. Contact Rev. Shrout for more information. Documents are available online (orwacog.org).

Congregations are encouraged to send their pastors and lay-delegates to the business meeting, scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, at McGuire Auditorium on the Warner Pacific College campus.





Holy Week ~ March 29-April 5, 2015 Celebrate the RESURRECTION! Jesus is the Subject!



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Christian Women Connection Spring Convention 2015



Above: Janelle Irwin addresses attendees at the CWC Spring Convention in Gales Creek, Oregon, April 6-7, 2015. The "Purpose" themed weekend included great sessions and discussions, officer installation, silent auction, golf balls (yes) and times of reflection.







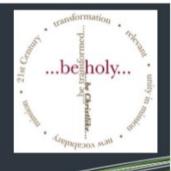
Kudos to Gales Creek for hosting, to Marva Adams, who led in worship, and to everyone who pitched in to make the weekend great!







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How to find the Salvation Army Kroc Center:

Address: 1865 Bill Frey Dr. NE, Salem, OR On I-5:

Take exit #258. Turn south at the light onto Portland Road (toward downtown Salem). Turn right on to Bill Frey Dr. This will lead directly to the parking lot.

Sponsoring Associations and

* Association of the Churches of God of Oregon and SW Washington * North Pacific District of the Foursquare Churches * Pacific Conference North American **Evangelical Church** * Oregon Pacific District Church of the Nazarene * Salvation Army Cascade Division * NW District Wesleyan Church * Oregon Conference Free Methodist Church * The Oregon Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

Holiness Pastors and Leaders Day April 23, 2015- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Salem Kroc Center

\$17.50 registration includes lunch (\$15 for sponsoring groups)

BUY TICKETS BY APRIL 15TH See below for details

Keynote Speaker Dr. Wayne Schmidt



Ticket information

Just go to:

http://pastorsandleaders2015.ev entbrite.com and use a debit or credit card.

Contact your district/ conference/ association office for a discount code.

- From 1979-1981, Pastor Wayne Schmidt helped plant Kentwood Community Church (KCC), becoming senior pastor in 1981. Over the years KCC developed into one of the flagship churches in the Wesleyan denomination, becoming increasingly multiethnic as it reached the increasingly diverse greater Grand Rapids, MI. KCC grew to more than 2,600 attendees each weekend while planting 10 other churches with many unique approaches to ministry.
- Dr. Schmidt has addressed churches and conferences around the globe and in nearly every district of The Wesleyan Church. He has served as a General Conference delegate four times and has worked closely with the Department of Evangelism & Church Growth in strategy development and vision casting for the promotion of church planting, parenting and health.
- He has taught as an adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) and Bethany Bible College (now Kingswood University). In January of 2010 he became the first Vice-President for the newly formed Wesley Seminary at IWU, providing strategic and operational leadership in shaping a revolutionary way

The purpose of the Holiness Pastors and Leaders Day is to create an opportunity for conversation regarding the message/life of holiness and its power in engaging and transforming lives and communities. Ample time has been set aside in the day's schedule for this conversation to take place.

Camp White Branch

Leonard Myers, Owen Hinkle, and Mel Neu have been busy at Camp White Brach, completing the ramp to the upper level of the property, grading the road into Camp, and (Leonard) finishing the bathroom in Dogwood Cabin. They've also begun work on Fir Cabin.

Meanwhile, at the multipurpose building, the construction crew put roofing on the back deck, installed some trim and ceiling insulation support bands in March, and the manufacturer will be repainting the painted surfaces soon.



SUMMER CAMP DATES

- Junior Camp -Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10, 2015
- <u>Middle School Camp</u> Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, 2015
- <u>Intro Camp</u> Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19, 2015
- <u>Primary Camp</u> Monday, July 20, through Thursday, July 23, 2015
- <u>Senior High Camp</u> -Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, 2015









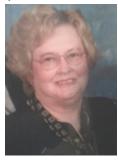
Posters and information available at http://www.orwacog/camp-white-branch



HOOKER, Adele (8/3/1921-3/2/2015)

Rev. Adele Hooker, 93, of Milwaukie, Oregon, wife of Rev. Sam Hooker, passed away Monday, March 2. 2015. Adele was an accomplished author, with 13 books published. She served as a tour guide to the Holy Lands, taught English Literature at Gresham High School and Judson Baptist College in Portland, and invested 60 years in counseling ministries. Over a 65-year period, Adele and Sam pastored churches in Tacoma, WA, Muskogee, OK, Woodstock COG in Portland, OR, Newburg, OR, as well as serving as interim pastors throughout Oregon and SW Washington. The Hookers were also Pastors Emeritus at the Mt. Scott Church of God in Portland, OR, where a Celebration of Life was held in her memory Saturday, March 14, 2015.

BUCKLE, Bernadine F. (9/3/1939-3/2/2015)



Bernadine Faye Buckle, born September 3, 1939 in Fort Scott, Kansas, passed away in Portland, Oregon, March 2, 2015. She was married to Pastor Carl C. Buckle for 57 years and is

survived by her children, Bernie Buckle and Rhonda Buckle Stecker, her brother John Hyden and sister, Linda Robinson.

She worked in accounting most of her life, while also serving as a pastor's wife during Carl's ministry.

Bernadine has six grandchildren: Caitlin, Spencer and Dayli Buckle, Abigail Romero, Nathan and Christian Stecker. A celebration of life was held at the Lynchwood Church of God in Portland March 15.

LANE, Bill (10/1/1940-3/3/2015)

Rev. Bill Lane, 74, of Albany passed awav at Samaritan Albany General Hospital on March 3, with friends and family at his side.



Bill, the son of Clarence and Ethel (Bell) Lane, was born in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, and moved to Oregon with his family in 1954. He graduated from Albany Union High School in 1959 and began a long career as a cabinet maker. Bill and his brother, Michael, started Lane Brothers Cabinets in 1974 and worked together in the local area until his retirement in 2000.

Bill nurtured a long held desire for a closer relationship with the Lord and became an ordained pastor with the Church of God in 1998. With the love of his life, Mary Esther (DeWitt) Lane, at his side. Bill ministered to the local community. He presided over many weddings and funerals including those of family members and close friends. Bill's never ending supply of love and faith led him to focus his ministry on the elderly and the homeless. He served as president of the board of directors at Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter and supported the organization with his talents and time. Bill and Mary held church services each Sunday at the Brookdale Heritage Plaza in Albany.

Bill loved hunting and fishing and just being outdoors with his family. He was a regular at Clear Lake in Linn County and enjoyed archery hunting with his son and grandsons in Eastern Oregon. Bill enjoyed working outside and would always lend a hand or advice to a neighbor or a friend.

Bill was preceded in death by both of his parents; son Aaron Fick; and brothers Lawrence and Kenneth.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter Teresa Adams of Salem; son Darrin; brother Michael; seven grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren and hundreds of friends.

A memorial service was held March 21, at the Albany First Assembly of God church. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter.

DOCKTER, Ralph (11/15/1931-3/21/2015)

Rev. Ralph H. Dockter, 83, passed away at his home Sunday,

March 21, 2105, following a long battle with his heart and a recent diagnosis of acute leukemia. Ralph was born November

15, 1931, on

the Dockter

family farm in the Granville Township of Sheridan County, North Dakota, to August and Marie Dockter.

Ralph attended Warner Pacific College (formerly Pacific Bible College), where he received his Bachelor's degree. While there, he met the love of his life, Doris. They were married August 30, 1952, in Edmonds, Washington. After college, Ralph worked as the director of Christian Education at Woodstock Church of God in Portland. He became an ordained minister with the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) at the Middleton Campmeeting of the Churches of God of Southern Idaho. He spent 50 years serving in various ministerial positions. Sometimes the salary was enough to feed the family and sometimes it wasn't. When it

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wasn't enough, he worked many odd jobs to keep food on the table. Ralph had the soul of a farmer his whole life, even when he didn't live on a farm. He

enjoyed all things manly. If it was dangerous or dirty, he liked doing it. He especially enjoyed woodworking and repairing things. Until he was big enough to work out in the fields, his mother kept him cooking in the kitchen. This fostered Ralph's love of cookina.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Doris; daughter Karen (Bill) Cardin and sons Michael (Cathy) Dockter and Brian (Sheryl) Dockter; grandchildren Alexander Cardin, Karlena Brailey, Amanda Cardin, Rebekka Ramirez, Annetta Cardin, Chris Dockter, Aaron Dockter, Robert Dockter, Philip Dockter and Kristina Dockter; brothers Roy Dockter, Erwin Dockter, Herbert Dockter and Clifford Dockter; sisters Marjorie Chandler, Delores Bohlender, Betty Larson and Marion Killian; and fourteen greatgrandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents August and Marie, and brothers Rueben Dockter and Clarence Dockter.

A memorial service will be held in Vancouver at 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31st at Vancouver First Church of God.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations designated for the furthering of the Gospel of Christ be made to:

> Warner Pacific College 2219 SE 68th Ave. Portland, OR 97215

Vancouver First Church of God 3300 NE 78th St Vancouver, WA 98665

> Edmonds Church of God 8824 220th SW Edmonds, WA 98026

> Church of God Ministries PO Box 2420 Anderson, IN 46018

Check out the District Calendar

Check the handy option at www.orwacog.org/calendar. A simple click on a calendar date or event will direct you to detailed information.

A chronological listing of events is also included toward the bottom, left side of the screen.

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information of interest to the Church of God.

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The former *Blog* tab is now a dedicated Give tab. Everything is listed there. In particular, are

dedicated donate buttons for the **Retired Ministers, Missionaries** and Spouses Appreciation Dinner as well as a Scholarship button to help those go to Summer Celebration.

Website Tab

Please take note of a recent

http://orwacog.org/give/.

change on the District website,

Change

The Exchange

Coming to Summer Celebration in July is pop-rock band THE EXCHANGE, consisting of brothers Britt and Jack Espinosa, Dennis Dorgan, and Tyler Mays. Check them out at *www.theexchangerock.com*.

In an age where trends come and go, and stars rise and fall at viral speed, it is bands like The Exchange who will not be washed back and forth by



the tides of the latest craze. With a sense of purpose, drive, and identity extending far beyond their music, it is no doubt that this group is here to stay. Keep an eye out for a full-length album from The Exchange in 2015.

Summer Celebration, July 26-29, 2015, Warner Pacific College Campus.

Yerden-Shackleton Vancouver Concert May 17

Ruth Ann Yerden and Jean Shackleton will present an organ/piano and duo piano concert of classical and sacred pieces at the

Vancouver First Church of God, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Vancouver First is located at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98665.



Upcoming Events

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 3, 2015 - All Day

EASTER - Sunday, April 5, 2015 - All Day

- Credentials Advisory Board Meeting— Tuesday, April 7, 2015—9:00 a.m., Church of God District Office, Salem, OR
- W.A.R.M. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 through Thursday, April 16, 2015 - All Day

Senior Adult Retreat—April 21-23, 2015, Cannon Beach, Oregon

- Holiness Pastors' & Leaders' Day April 23, 2015, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Salem Kroc Center
- Ministers' Gathering & Meeting— May 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m.– 3 p.m., Hoodview Church of God, Woodburn, OR

Mother's Day-May 10, 2015

Memorial Day, May 25, 2015

Father's Day, - June 21, 2015

COG Convention, Oklahoma City—June 22-25, 2015

Summer Celebration, July 26-29, 2015, WPC Campus



Check online for registration and for more events: www.orwacog.org/calendar

Got news? The E-CONTACT deadline is the 15th of each month. Submit your news item for consideration in upcoming issues to contacteditor@orwacog.org.

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VISION STATEMENT: "To serve and empower by: coordinating ministries, providing guidance, giving encouragement, supplying information, and offering training, in order to enable churches and ministries to mature in holiness, unity, services and growth."