

# Things to Know



## Musings from the Word



**John Gryns,**  
*Executive Secretary*

As we know, the early copies of the scriptures do not contain chapters or verses. So, perhaps those who inserted them centuries later intended for the following to occur: John, Chapter 6, verses 66 records the following: “From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.” This moment occurred after Jesus made it very clear that He was the center of all things. And when the Lord looked around, He saw this “great resignation” and asked, “Will you leave as well?” And those words prompted a response from the ever-ready publicist for the disciples, Peter: “Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life.” I have come to rediscover the power of those words. That confession stands at the center of all confessions. Where can I go? What other space in the universe can I find such a place? Who is like this Jesus? To whom shall I turn? What podcast, what blog or vlog or social media platform can I find anything comparable to the Person and Power of this Jesus? The question may not be so much whether or not I turn and walk away but to what would I turn? The dissipating power of any other entity only leads to a vapor-like existence (see Ecclesiastes). But in this Jesus, this incredibly present and powerfully loving Person—there is nothing, absolutely nothing comparable. So I ask, “To whom shall you go”

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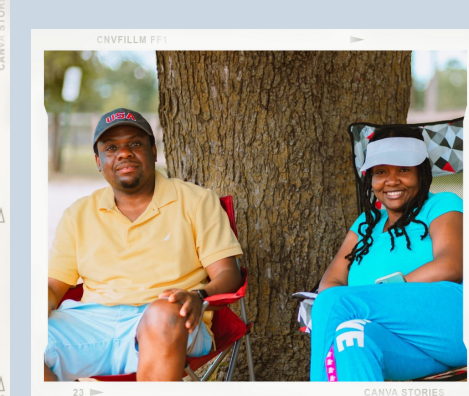
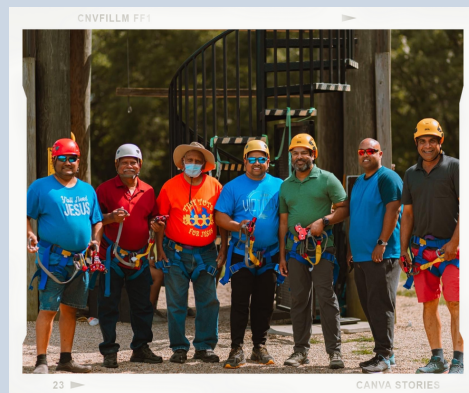
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# Musings from the Field

## Camp Meeting Update

Last week was such an inspiring time for all who participated and attended our annual Family Camp Meeting down at Camp Akita. Pastor David Oceguela (lead pastor from the Bolingbrook Church) presented the message from the Word of God for each meeting from Wednesday night through Friday morning. Elder Ken Denslow, president of the Lake Union Conference and former president of the Illinois Conference, presented the word of God. There were comments to the large amount of people who attended both during the week and weekend. We were all blessed and thank the Lord that a time of refreshing was had by those who attended.



## Constituency Meeting Update

I did not put out a newsletter last week due to both our pastors and Family Camp Meeting at Camp Akita and to conclude solidifying confirmation of those who have been selected by our July 10, 2022, Organizing Committee to serve on our Nominating Committee. The work of the Nominating Committee, as outlined by our By-Laws is the following:

*"The Nominating Committee shall nominate:*

- 1. Officers*
- 2. The director of each department*
- 3. Members of the Executive Committee (It is recommended that those selected to the Executive Committee not be members of the Nominating Committee.)*
- 4. The Board of Education."*

This committee will meet on Sunday morning, October 2, 2022 at the Conference Office Board Room and Elder Ken Denslow, Lake Union Conference President, will serve (per the By-Laws) as the Committee Chair. The members of the committee are listed below and are designed to serve from various areas of the conference. Please continue to keep this process a matter of prayer.

### *Nominating Committee 2022-26*

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Jonathan Babb (Area 1)    | 11. Judy Rosa-Oster (Area 5)     |
| 2. Eugene Preval (Area 2)    | 12. Ira Bartolome (Area 5)       |
| 3. Kathie Sargent (Area 2)   | 13. Sarah Aragon (Area 5)        |
| 4. Bernadene Bowles (Area 3) | 14. Casey Adams (Area 5)         |
| 5. Yesenia Gonzalez (Area 3) | 15. Annie Brown (Area 5)         |
| 6. Gabriel Bardan (Area 4)   | 16. Carl Sissac (Area 5)         |
| 7. Andres Flores (Area 4)    | 17. Luis Rivas (Area 6)          |
| 8. Douglas Hamel (Area 4)    | 18. Luis Hohl (Area 6)           |
| 9. Eden Tandog (Area 4)      | 19. Gregorio Velez (Area 6)      |
| 10. Agnieszka Perez (Area 4) | 20. Leyly Marban (Area 6)        |
|                              | 21. Maria Isabel Magaña (Area 6) |

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The world's first Ferris Wheel appeared at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. The capacity of that single wheel held 2000 people.

*Our policy is, Do not make prominent the objectionable features of our faith, which strike most decidedly against the practises [sic] and customs of the people, until the Lord shall give the people a fair chance to know that we are believers in Christ, that we do believe in the divinity of Christ, and in his preexistence.*

(SpTA05 3.3)