



Prayer Ministries



Newsdesk this month is devoted to the five-year retrospectives from the specialized ministries through which Adventist members in the Pacific Union are nurturing discipleship and spiritual growth and reaching out to the communities of the Pacific Southwest.

Believing that there is power and unity in prayer, the Pacific Union Conference Prayer Ministry continues to grow and thrive through its various teams of volunteers at the union level and in conferences and local churches.

The mission of Prayer Ministry is to develop resources, grow, educate the constituency, and promote the ministry of prayer as the very foundation and core of all ministries in the local church and conference.

Leading Prayer Ministry is Karen Martell, who oversees the conference prayer ministry leaders. Martell is also



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involved in the North American Division (NAD) Prayer Ministry to ensure that each conference in the Pacific Union is integrating prayer initiatives set forth by the General Conference and the NAD into their plans.

Over the last five years, the union has seen tremendous growth in prayer ministry through prayer and immediate action, which has resulted in an increase of prayer ministry volunteers and fostering a prayer culture in churches.

The following are just some of the ways Prayer Ministry has accomplished goals and made Jesus the focus of their ministry:

- Recognizing that all ministries in the church are birthed, nurtured, and matured through the ministry of prayer and a passion for God—and that nothing happens without prayer.
- Recognizing that prayer and Bible study are the means by which one develops a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Providing seminars on how to develop a lifestyle of prayer, including training of local prayer leaders and pastors on creative ways to grow and promote a healthy prayer life in their churches.
- Conducting prayer conferences in churches across the union.
- Creating and providing materials for people to use in ministry and personal prayer.
- Working with local conference leaders to plan and conduct various prayer-focused events.
- Praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit via online platforms such as Zoom.

The PUC Prayer Team recognizes the need to develop prayer resources to encourage, educate, and empower church members to deepen their prayer experiences and relationship with God in order to experience the revival necessary to finish the work of sharing the gospel in all the world.