

CE News Notes

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A Lesson in Christian Edition History, Part 3



By Paul Wilcox,
First Tenor



The year 2012 started out with Christian Edition going on a bus trip to Las Vegas, NV, to sing for the *Revelation Today It Is Written Crusade* with speaker and director John Bradshaw at the Cashman Center the weekend of January 27 and 28. They also sang for the Henderson Living Waters Fellowship in Henderson, NV, and at the Las Vegas Church of the Nazarene. In February, CE sang at the Palm Desert Oasis SDA Church and at the Fountain of Youth Resort in Niland on the shores of the Salton Sea in California. For Spring Break in March, CE embarked on another weekend tour to the Pacific Northwest where they sang at churches in Everett, Shoreline, Olympia, Lakewood, and Auburn, WA. April found CE

in the Inland Empire singing at the Del Rosa SDA Church in San Bernardino, the La Sierra University SDA Church in Riverside, and at The ARK: Church of the Nazarene in Redlands, CA.

In May, CE was in Orange County, CA, at the Orange Coast SDA Church, the Garden Grove Church of the Nazarene, and in the San Fernando Valley at the Van Nuys SDA Church. In June they went on another tour to the Central California coast where they sang at the Watsonville SDA Church and again for the Summer Concert Series at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center, one of the most beautiful locations imaginable for a conference center, and a wonderful place to get away to for a quiet retreat and to commune with God in nature.

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From the Keyboard

By Michael Spencer,
Director



Quite often when I meet people that I haven't seen for a while, they'll ask me, "How are things with Christian Edition? Are you still playing for them? Are they still singing?" My answer is always, "Yes, I'm still playing for them. Yes, we're still singing." It always seems

to surprise them that we are continuing to present the worship services for which we've been known for the last forty years. When there was a question a few years ago about the direction of the group's ministry, the overwhelming sentiment from each member was, "We don't believe God is done with us yet." I am fortunate to hear this dedication at every rehearsal from the singers I am so blessed to call friends. We sing because God is not finished with our sermons in song.

And yet, I've been playing "Soon and Very Soon," for over 20 years. We've been singing about our longing for a home where we belong for our entire ministry. And we're still singing. For me, John describes this feeling best at the end of his gospel. In John 20:21-24 there is a

short account of a poignant conversation Jesus had about whether John would die or not.

John makes it clear that Jesus didn't say he wouldn't die, but that Jesus answered others who had asked Him about it. "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!" (v.22) Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. However, Jesus did not say that he would not die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you?"

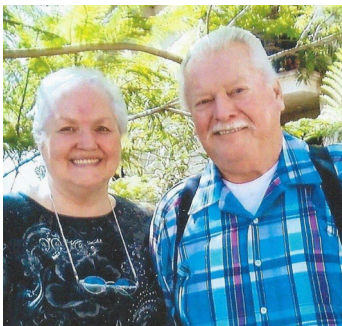
Oh, the hope and trust built into these few lines. John hopes to see His Lord again, but makes it clear that his faith is not that he won't die, but that it is up to Jesus and no one else. How long is "Soon & Very Soon?" How long until there is "No More Night?" How long, oh Lord, until Your return? Jesus gently chides us, "What is that to you?"

And so, we're still singing.



A Sad Farewell

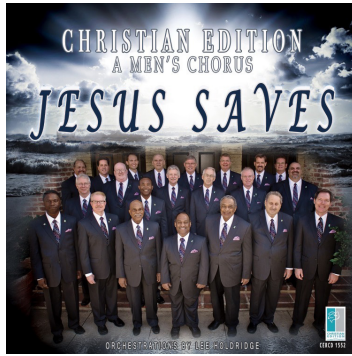
Just as this issue of CE News Notes was about to go to press, we heard the sad news that Patricia Knipschild, wife of CE's founding member Conrad Knipschild, passed away on Friday night, May 5, 2023. Conrad predeceased her in January 2018 and she leaves behind her son, Keith, his wife Gemma, and their two children, Christian and Elyse. A memorial service is in the works and will be announced at a later date.



Pat was a beloved member of Christian Edition and spent countless hours opening the mail, answering correspondence, depositing checks, entering bookkeeping data, forwarding changes of address to Gayle Craig, and sending out reminder notices, all from her home in Montana. But, she always said it was a labor of love. She will be greatly missed and CE won't be the same without her.

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Normally July and August are free months but, in the summer of 2012, CE was in the studio recording a new album, *Jesus Saves*, which came out later that year.



September saw CE in Bakersfield, singing for the Sacred Work Sabbath Convocation sponsored by the San Joaquin Community Hospital, along with Jarrod McNaughton and Sandy Johnson. They also gave an afternoon concert at Hillcrest SDA Church in Bakersfield. On a sad note, CE sang at the memorial service for Nadine Robinson, the young woman who often signed while the song "Daystar" was being sung, even after she was confined to a wheelchair due to her advancing multiple sclerosis disease.

In October, CE sang for services in Fullerton, Long Beach, and in Arcadia at the Kare Youth League. To round out the year, CE joined several other men's choruses from around the state for another Men's Chorus Festival at the Carmichael SDA Church in Sacramento. There were choruses from Carmichael, Sonora, Sunnyvale, Bakersfield, and Modesto. What an awesome experience it was to sing with 120 and more voices! That weekend, CE was also invited to sing for the Orangevale SDA Church and the Sacramento Arden Church of the Nazarene. To end the year, CE was honored to be featured in a Christmas holiday concert on the satellite station 3ABN.

January 2013 saw CE back on tour—this time to Yuma, AZ—where they sang for the Gloria de

Cristo Lutheran Church, the Yuma Central SDA Church, and the First United Methodist Church. On the way home, they stopped in Desert Hot Springs and sang at the Sky Valley/Caliente Springs Resorts for a Sunday afternoon concert. In February, CE made its way to Hemet and Palm Desert where they sang at the SDA churches there.

Spring Break found Christian Edition in Florida again for a busy 10-day tour. They sang at Miami Temple SDA Church, the Ambassador SDA Church in Lauderdale Lakes, John Knox Village in Pompano Beach, Naples SDA Church, and the Village Church at Shell Point in Ft. Myers. They also sang at Sabbath Grace Fellowship in Apopka, East Pasco SDA Church in Zephyrhills, Kress Memorial SDA Church in Winter Park, Markham Woods SDA Church in Longwood, and Forest Lake SDA Church in Apopka. But it wasn't all work and no play. Since the concerts were in the evenings, during the day various groups of members were able to do some sightseeing at such places as the Everglades National Park, Universal Studios, Disney World, and Epcot Center, to name a few.

Back home again in April, there were concerts at Eagle Rock SDA Church (CE's "home" church where it all began) and at Loma Linda University Church. In May, CE made a quick trip to the San Diego area for concerts at El Cajon and Clairemont SDA Churches, and at Paradise Valley Retirement Center in National City.



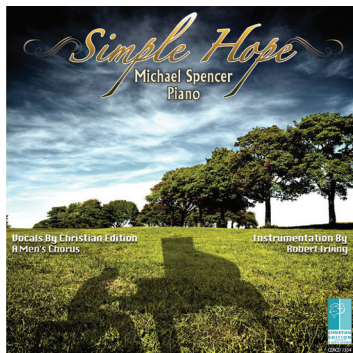
Christian Edition sings in March 2013 at the Village Church at Shell Point in Fort Myers, Florida.

June 2013 found CE on tour again, this time on a chartered bus to Arizona where they were scheduled to sing at the Arizona Camp Meeting in Prescott on Friday evening; however, the bus broke down in Beaumont, CA, and the company took its time finding a replacement bus. Finally, after about 3

1/2 hours of waiting, CE was on the way again and arrived at Camp Yavapines just as they were scheduled to go on stage for their segment of the program. They didn't have time to change into their concert uniforms, so they just sang as they were dressed, in shorts, jeans, and t-shirts. But the audience was blessed with the music and there were no more issues the rest of the trip. They sang for camp meeting services throughout the day on Sabbath and again at Trinity Bible Church in Sun City on the way back home on Sunday.

Two weeks later, CE was on the road again, this time to Central California for a concert at the Santa Cruz SDA Church on Sabbath morning and again for the Summer Concert Series at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center Saturday evening and special music Sunday morning.

In September, CE joined the Family Reunion Musicians in Simi Valley to record two more Family Reunion Series videos, *Classic Praise* and *150 & Beyond*. CE also recorded the vocal tracks for Michael Spencer's second piano CD, *Simple Hope*, which was released in early 2014. In November, CE was invited to sing at the Orange Coast SDA Church in Irvine and at Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace, CA.



January 2014 started out with CE singing at the Garden Grove SDA Church and at the Los Alamitos SDA Church in Cypress, CA. In February, CE was again on tour to Northern California where they sang in Fairfield at the Fairfield Community

SDA Church and in Lodi at the Fairmont SDA Church and the Zion Reformed Church.

During Spring Break in March, CE was on another 10-day tour, this time to North Carolina where they had concerts at the Spartanburg, Fletcher, Tryon, Arden, Hendersonville, High Point, Kernersville, and Charlotte Sharon SDA Churches. In addition to these church concerts, they were privileged to be invited to sing at the Swannanoa Correctional Facility for Women on Sunday morning. They were told that there might be a handful of women attending and that those who did attend would be rowdy and not pay attention. But when the concert began, the chapel was packed, and the women were very attentive and appreciative. The highlight of the service was when CE sang the song "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)." During the song, the women stood up one by one, crossed their arms above their heads, and then spread their arms wide, indicating the breaking of the chains that bound them. After the concert, even though it was lunchtime, the women were reluctant to leave, and the men of CE were able to visit and pray with them and encourage them to surrender their hearts to Jesus. It was a very moving experience for all involved and the group hated to leave. But there was a schedule to keep so they bade farewell and continued the tour.

Next CE had the opportunity to sing for the residents of Givens Highland Farms Retirement



The men of CE perform on Tuesday night during March 2014 at the Arden SDA Church in North Carolina.

Community in Black Mountain, NC, and was honored to be hosted for lunch at the home of Dan Zinke, a friend of CE, at The Cliffs Valley Country Club in Travelers Rest, SC. Again, there was also time for sightseeing and various groups took the opportunity to tour the town of Asheville, NC, including the Biltmore Estate, the largest privately owned house in the US.

April found CE on tour again, this time to Central California where they sang in Porterville at the SDA Church, Pleasant Valley Chapel, and at Sierra Hills Retirement Center and Sierra Valley Rehab Center where they were able to visit with Del Delker and sing some songs together. It brought tears to many eyes when Del sang the song "The Love of God" with perfect pitch and word memory. In fact, the staff at Sierra Valley were surprised to learn that Del was a world-renowned celebrity in the Adventist church, having traveled extensively with the Voice of Prophecy, HMS Richards (senior and junior), and the King's Heralds Quartet.

In May, CE sang at the University SDA Church in Los Angeles and at the Pico Rivera Bilingual SDA Church where they were hosted for dinner afterward by former member Cesar Cerna and family. The end of June found CE wending its way to the Central California coast again where they sang at the Mountain View SDA Church and for the now annual Summer Concert Series at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center in Felton.

During the summer break in July, CE was honored to be invited to sing for the funeral of Sister Eleanor, one of the nuns they had come to love at the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart Convent, who had died at the age of 102. While the whole group was unable to participate, a quartet along with pianist Michael Spencer, got together and sang 5 songs for the service, which was held at the L.A. Nazareth House, an assisted living facility for retired Catholic nuns.

In October, CE was hosted at the Van Nuys and Lancaster SDA Churches and, for what would become an annual event, at the Hillside Community Fellowship at the Lodge at Trilogy

Lake Center in Corona, CA. In November, CE remained local and sang at the Whittier and Fontana Palmetto SDA Churches. For Christmas, CE was again featured on the satellite station 3ABN with the program *Christian Edition Holiday Special*.

The year 2015 started out with CE in the Inland Empire singing at the Beaumont and Palm Springs SDA Churches. In February they were at the Eagle Rock and Downey Spanish SDA Churches as well as at the Montrose Community Church in Montrose, CA. Spring Break found CE on tour, again to the Pacific Northwest, where they sang at the Chehalis, Kirkland, Lacey, Sequim, Monroe, Forest Park, and Vancouver Adventist Community SDA Churches in Washington. They also were invited to sing for the Lakewood New Hope Community Church in Lakewood. To conclude the tour CE sang at the Pleasant Valley, East Salem, and Sunnyside SDA Churches in Oregon.

In April, CE (the whole group this time) was privileged to sing for the residents of L.A. Nazareth House where CE's friend Sister Rose from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart Convent was then living. They also sang for the Corona and Fallbrook SDA Churches and in May at the Filipino and Azure Hills SDA Churches in the Loma Linda, CA, area.

In early June, Francisco Meza, a former member and dear friend of CE, passed away suddenly and CE was requested to sing for his funeral at the La Sierra University Church in Riverside. Then they headed north, this time to sing for the

Mountain View Japanese SDA Church and again for the Summer Concert Series at Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center. Another friend of



Christian Edition performs for the Mt. Hermon Conference Center summer concert series in June 2015.

CE, Walt DeVries, passed away around this time and CE was requested to sing for the memorial service. However, the whole group was unable to participate, so a quartet got together and sang a few songs for his service.

The quinquennial General Conference Session of the SDA Church was held in San Antonio, TX, in July 2015, and a small group of CE members went to promote their upcoming Caribbean Cruise and to mingle with other attendees and sell albums at their booth. They held a drawing each day for free CDs and DVDs, CE cruise baseball caps, Mikasa candy dishes, and goody bags. For the final day, there were three drawings. One was for a set of CDs, the second was for a set of DVDs, and the Grand Prize was a free cruise for two on the CE cruise which was scheduled for the following June out of Galveston, TX. The winner of the Grand Prize was Alicia Friesen from Denison, TX.

Instead of the usual summer break, CE was invited to sing for three Camp Meetings: one in Soquel, CA, and another in South Lake Tahoe, CA, where they sang special music for the 11 o'clock services and had 90-minute concerts in the afternoons; and Loma Linda University SDA Church where they sang for the 9 and 11:45 a.m. services and had a full concert in the evening. In October, CE sang at the Norco and Campus Hill SDA Churches and again for the Hillside Fellowship at The Lodge at Trilogy Lake Center in Corona, CA. They also sang at the Roseville SDA Church and participated in another Men's Chorus Festival in Sacramento at the Carmichael SDA Church where they joined four or five other groups from around the state. To round out the year, CE had worship services at the Hollydale Community and Hawthorne SDA Churches,

and at the Montrose Community Church in Montrose, CA, in November.

January 2016 saw CE at the Rialto and Palm Desert Oasis SDA Churches as well as at Imagine Community Church in San Bernardino, CA. In February they returned to the Fountain of Youth Resort in Niland, CA. In March, another dear friend of CE, Elder Larry Caviness, former President of the Southern California Conference of SDAs, passed away, and CE was requested to sing for his memorial service at the Vallejo Drive SDA Church in Glendale, CA. They also had worship services at the Valley Center SDA Church in Valley Center, CA, and at the Faith Southern Baptist Church in Moreno Valley, CA.

April found CE back at their home church, Eagle Rock SDA, and at Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace, CA. In May they were at the Garden Grove SDA Church in Garden Grove, CA. On a sad note, Ursie Logé, the sister of former baritone Dave Logé and member of the

wardrobe committee that selected the outfits for the men of CE, passed away about this time. She was a beloved member of CE and one of it's biggest fans. CE was honored to sing for her memorial service at Eagle Rock SDA Church.

June was the highlight of the year as CE embarked on their western Caribbean cruise, sailing from Galveston, TX, on the *Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Seas* cruise ship. Before departure, they fit in two concerts at the Northwest Houston and Gulfhaven SDA Churches in Spring and Houston respectively. During the week-long cruise CE sailed to Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman; and Falmouth, Jamaica. They had concerts nearly every day on board the ship, and sang at schools in George Town and Falmouth. In George Town,



During the 2016 Caribbean cruise, Christian Edition sang at the Kings SDA Church in George Town, Cayman Islands, for the school children and community.

they were also interviewed for a radio program sponsored by the Kings SDA Church. In Falmouth, they had to walk a mile from the dock to the church in heat and humidity they were not used to. So, by the time they got to the church where they were to sing for the schoolchildren, they were drenched with sweat. There were a couple of fans to help cool them off, but unfortunately, they didn't do a lot of good. While CE was singing at the school, another group from the ship helped repair and paint the church next door. On Sabbath, the last full day of the cruise, Christian Edition was given use of the main auditorium where all the major shows took place and gave a concert that was open to the whole ship. Quite a few people who weren't part of the group that signed up to join CE on the cruise attended the concert and were each given a free CD.

At the end of September, CE was again invited to sing for the annual Maranatha Convention, this time at the Trinity Life Center in Sacramento, CA, where they sang for the Friday evening meeting and again for the morning services and an afternoon concert on Sabbath. That evening they traveled up the hill to sing at the Auburn SDA Church. In October, CE was on the road again, this time to Central California where they sang at the Taft and Oildale SDA Churches and for the father-in-law of one of the singers, Craig Vendouris, who was being anointed due to a diagnosis of terminal cancer.

November was a local concert weekend where CE sang at the Ventura and Camarillo SDA Churches, and in December a double quartet of CE singers performed for the Assistance League Christmas Tree Brunch at the Hilton DoubleTree hotel in Ontario, CA, by request of Diane Sheridan, the wife of CE baritone Chris Sheridan, who was the Entertainment Coordinator of the event.

January 2017 found CE on another tour to the San Diego area where they sang for the El Cajon and Fallbrook SDA Churches. In February they were at the Whittier SDA Church and in March they gave a community concert at the Fox

Theatre in Riverside, CA, where they invited the Freedom Singers to join them for the concert. A new compilation CD, *Please Sing: Vol. 1*, debuted at this concert and has been a best seller ever since. Later that month they also sang at the Victoria SDA Church in Loma Linda and the Moreno Hills SDA Church in Moreno Valley. In April they were on tour to Central California where they sang at the Templeton Hills SDA Church and at the Fox Theatre in Hanford, CA. In May they returned to Central California where they sang at the Porterville and Visalia SDA Churches, and again for Del Delker at the Porterville Convalescent Hospital. This was the last time the group was able to visit with Del because she passed away a few months later at 93 years of age.

There were two concerts in June at the Thousand Oaks and Van Nuys SDA Churches, and then CE had their usual summer break. However, it ended a little early as they were invited to sing for the Calimesa Camp Meeting in Calimesa, CA, the last Sabbath of August, which has become an annual event for CE except for 2020 when the camp meeting was canceled due to the COVID pandemic. In October, CE again sang for the Hillside Fellowship at The Lodge at Trilogy in Corona, CA, and went on another tour to Central and Northern California where they sang at the Turlock, Lodi English Oaks, and Galt SDA Churches.

November found CE singing for St. John of God Retirement & Care Center, an assisted living facility for Catholic priests and nuns in the Los Angeles area. Their dear friend, Sister Rose from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart Convent, was the one who arranged the concert and was able to attend, so the guys had a wonderful reunion with her. Not long after that she, too, passed away which brought an end to a wonderful relationship that the founder of CE,



Conrad Knipschild, had started between CE and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart Convent when he began delivering fresh loaves of sourdough bread to them every Friday afternoon after having provided one of the nuns with physical therapy. A second compilation CD, *Please Sing: Vol. 2*, was released about this time and was debuted at concerts at the Big Bear Valley and Pasadena SDA Churches and at Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda, CA.



January 2018 started on a sad note for the Christian Edition family when they were asked to sing for the memorial service of long-time CE business manager Richard Gutsche at Eagle Rock SDA Church.

Later that month, CE had a local concert weekend at the Norwalk and Fullerton SDA Churches and in February CE hosted a Men's Chorus Festival in Loma Linda where groups from Northern, Central, and Southern California joined forces to

provide an amazing concert at the Loma Linda University SDA Church. CE also sang that month for the Indonesian SDA Church in Fontana, CA. For Spring Break in March, CE was on the road again, this time up and down the state of California. The original intent was to give concerts at as many Fox Theatres as they could in a 10-day tour. It ended up that they were privileged to sing at three of them: Hanford, Visalia, and Redlands. They also sang at the Redding, Palo Cedro, Paradise, Lodi Fairmont, and Sunnyvale SDA Churches. In April, they

stayed local and sang at the Colton and Azure Hills SDA Churches, and in May they were at the Eagle Rock SDA Church, and at St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Church in Rancho Cucamonga where they sang for the 4 p.m. mass and gave a full-length concert on Saturday evening. The last weekend in June, CE flew to Spokane, WA, for a quick weekend tour where they sang at the Sandpoint, Coeur d'Alene, and Spokane Valley SDA Churches as well as at the Spangle Community Church on Sunday morning before heading back home.

In July, through a connection that CE's President, Dennis Shogren, had made, CE was invited to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the *Summer's Jubilee Gospel Concert* of the Western States Gospel Music Association (WSGMA) held at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, CA, featuring five gospel music groups from Southern California. In August, CE

was again invited to sing for the Calimesa Camp Meeting and in September they sang for the fall camp meeting at the Azure Hills SDA Church with Dan Jackson, North American Division of SDAs President, as the featured speaker. Also in September,



The Bay Area Men's Chorus, Christian Edition, Heralds of Hope, His Voice, and the William Chunestudy Men's Chorus joined together for the Loma Linda Men's Chorus Festival in February 2018.

they were invited to sing for the Hope Channel Partnership weekend held in Cathedral City, CA, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort, where they sang several times throughout the Sabbath day. November found CE on the road to Northern California again where they sang at the Appian Way SDA Church and at the Pacific Union College Church for a Sabbath evening vespers service.

For January 2019, CE only sang one concert, at the Camarillo SDA Church. But in February,

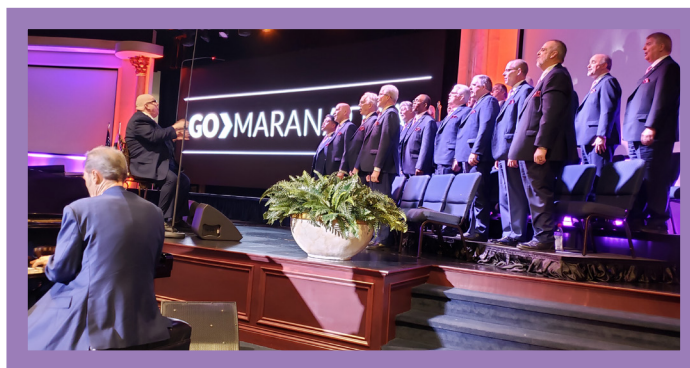
they went on a tour to Palm Springs where they sang for the Palm Springs Camp Meeting featuring William Johnsson, former editor of the *Adventist Review* magazine, and at the Banning Church of the Nazarene. February also found CE at the Eagle Rock SDA Church as well as at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Upland, CA. On March 4, CE was honored to be invited to sing the song "Jerusalem" with the Hoppers, the gospel group who made the song famous, and with Signature Sound in a joint concert at Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, CA. Later that month, CE sang at the Whittier and West Covina SDA Churches and again at the Hillside Community Fellowship at the Lodge at Trilogy Lake Center in Corona, CA.

In April, CE was on the road again to Northern California where they sang at the Sacramento Yugoslavian and Auburn SDA Churches. In May they were in Yorba Linda, CA, at the Richfield Community Church singing with the WSGMA again, this time for their Spring Sing. CE opened the concert with a 20 minute segment followed by the Evidence Quartet, the Herb Henry Family, The Lighthouse Boys, Reliance, The Roberts, The Rykert Trio, and Solid Ground. For June, CE remained in the Southern California area and sang at the Santa Barbara and Thousand Oaks SDA Churches.

August found CE at the Calimesa Camp Meeting in Calimesa, CA, and in September they were invited to sing for Maranatha's 50th Anniversary Convention held at the Trinity Life Center in Sacramento, CA, where they heard marvelous stories from around the world about how God has and is blessing the ministry of Maranatha while they build churches and drill wells for needy congregations and communities in various countries. In November, CE was on the road to Northern California to sing with

another Men's Chorus Festival at the Carmichael SDA Church in Sacramento, CA. They were joined by four or five other men's choruses from around the state and had a wonderful time blending voices with the other groups. They were also able to present the gospel through song at the Orangevale SDA Church in Sacramento. Later that month, they sang for the San Bernardino Community and Arden Hills SDA Churches in the San Bernardino area.

The year 2020 began with another tour to the San Diego area where CE sang for the El Cajon and Valley Center SDA Churches. In February, CE sang at the Victorville SDA Church and at St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Church in Upland. In March, CE was again invited to sing for Maranatha's 50th Anniversary Convention, this time in Chattanooga, TN, at the Celebration Church. The COVID pandemic was just beginning but they were able to fly to Tennessee and back without any trouble. However, the same week they flew home, everything shut down and CE had to cancel several tours and many concerts that had been scheduled in the upcoming months. For the next year, CE was unable to give any concerts and was also unable to get together for rehearsals.



The last live performance Christian Edition had before COVID shut everything down was in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the 50th-anniversary celebration of Maranatha Volunteers International.

Beginning in March 2021, CE began to rehearse using Zoom, with Michael Spencer directing from the piano. It wasn't ideal, but it was a start. Then in April, they started meeting outdoors for rehearsals at Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace, CA. Some still joined via Zoom, so it was a hybrid rehearsal for the next few months.

In August, CE was again invited to sing at the Calimesa and the Azure Hills Camp Meetings. Each singer was given a singing mask to wear, but most found them to be cumbersome and awkward to use.



Michael Spencer directs Christian Edition at Calimesa Campmeeting in August 2022

In September, CE was also able to sing “It Is Well” for a memorial service at the Azure Hills SDA Church. Later in the month, they were scheduled to go on a tour to the Pacific Northwest where they planned to sing at several churches in the Portland area, including the Sunnyside SDA Church, where they were to celebrate Christian Edition’s 40th anniversary and sing for Calvin Knipschild, the founding director of CE. He had taken ill and was no longer able to travel with the group. The plan was for him to direct at least one song for old-time’s sake, but the trip was postponed due to a surge of COVID in the Portland area. Unfortunately, Calvin passed to his rest on November 1, 2021, due to complications from pneumonia coupled with his diabetic condition.

In January 2022, CE had several concerts scheduled, but due to another surge of COVID, they had to be canceled. However, a memorial service

for Calvin was held on January 23 at the Loma Linda SDA Church and CE sang several songs for the service, one of which was CE singing live while Calvin sang the song “I’m Bound for the Kingdom” on video. There were tributes by Tony Anobile and Jim Pedersen and the eulogy was given by CE’s dear friend, Karl Haffner. It was a fitting tribute to a giant in Adventist music circles.



Singers prepare to enter the Calimesa sanctuary: Dick Sample, Henry Murray, Fred Miller, Paul Wilcox, Dennis Shogren, Francis Recalde, Russ Nelson, Rob Peterson, Keith Smith, David Mitchell, Chris Sheridan, and Walt Nelson.



Christian Edition sings for the Eagle Rock SDA Church 100th Anniversary, the home church where they officially began 42 years ago.

The Palm Springs Camp Meeting in February yet again had to be canceled due to a surge of COVID, but in March, CE was able to travel to Central California where they sang at the Hanford and Visalia SDA Churches. In April CE was on the road to Northern California where they sang at the English Oaks SDA Church in Lodi and at the Granite Bay SDA Church for their grand opening. Also in April, CE was requested to sing for the memorial service of a dear friend of one of the singers, held in the backyard of a home in Grand Terrace. Two

months later, they were back again, this time for the husband of the previous memorial honoree. Between the two memorial services, the San Bernardino Community and Camarillo SDA Churches hosted CE for worship services. In August, CE was asked to sing at the Eagle Rock SDA Church for their 100th Anniversary Celebration. They sang a few songs for the morning service and had a full concert in the afternoon alongside several other musical talents, including Jaime Jorge on his violin.

Also in August, CE was again asked to sing for the Calimesa Camp Meeting, and in September they were at the Chula Vista SDA Church and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Upland, CA, where they sang for the 5 p.m. mass and gave a full concert in the evening. In October they were at St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Church again for the 4 p.m. mass and music service in the evening. Then in November, they were at the Costa Mesa SDA Church and again at Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda to finish up the year.

January 2023 found CE singing for another memorial service, this time for Maxine Taylor,



Christian Edition sang for the main worship service at the Costa Mesa SDA Church in November 2022.



On a Sunday in March 2023, Christian Edition sang at the Banning Church of the Nazarene.



CE sings for a live vespers broadcast at LLBN on March 17, 2023.

the wife of one of CE's former singers, Dr. David L. Taylor, at the University SDA Church in Los Angeles, CA. Later that month they also sang for a memorial service at the Alhambra SDA Church for Peggy Moody who had been a devoted fan and had accompanied CE on their Alaska Cruise. In February, CE was finally able to sing for the Palm Springs Camp Meeting that had been canceled the previous 2 years, and in March they were at the Banning Church of the Nazarene again. They also gave a live Vespers program on LLBN in Loma Linda, CA, and were part of the amazing Loma Linda Fine Arts Festival held at the Campus Hill SDA Church on April 22.

CE is currently in the studio recording a new album and there are many exciting events scheduled and in the planning stages,

so stay tuned to see what God has in store for Christian Edition in the remaining months of 2023 and beyond!

Paul Wilcox authored this three-part history series and is the sole remaining original member of Christian Edition. He has sung with the group for the entire 42 years. If you wish to read Part 1 and Part 2, you may find the prior issues at christianedition.com under the "News" tab.

Calendar

CONCERT TIMES OR LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM A CONCERT BEFORE TRAVELING LONG DISTANCES. (SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HAS BEEN ABBREVIATED TO SDA.)

MAY 2023

20 Saturday 11:00 A.M. Concert
Colton SDA Church
 1291 North Rancho Ave.
 Colton, CA 92324
 (909) 825-9344

20 Saturday 5:00 P.M. Concert
Azure Hills SDA Church
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 22633 Barton Road
 Grand Terrace, CA 92313
 (909) 825-8611

JUNE

24 Saturday SS/Church Special Music
Afternoon Concert
New York Conference Camp Meeting
Union Springs Academy
 40 Spring Street
 Union Springs, NY 13160
 (315) 469-6921

25 Sunday 6:00 P.M. Concert
Holy Family Catholic Church
 127 Chapel Drive
 Syracuse, NY 13219
 (315) 488-3139

27 Tuesday 6:30 P.M. Concert
St. Ann's Catholic Church
 104 Academy Street
 Manlius, NY 13104
 (315) 682-5181

29 Thursday 6:30 P.M. Concert
Joy of Troy SDA Church
 600 Third Street
 Troy, NY 12182
 (518) 273-6400

JULY

1 Saturday SS/Church Special Music
Afternoon Concert
New York Conference Camp Meeting
Union Springs Academy
 40 Spring Street
 Union Springs, NY 13160
 (315) 469-6921

AUGUST

12 Saturday 11:15 A.M. Special Music
Calimesa SDA Campmeeting
 391 Myrtlewood Drive
 Calimesa, CA 92320
 (909) 795-9741

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16 Saturday TBD Concert
Lodi Fairmont SDA Church
 730 S. Fairmont Avenue
 Lodi, CA 95240
 (209) 334-1844

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