

Reflections

Nikolay Velinov Joins the Staff



Software developer Nikolay Velinov recently joined the Adventist Retirement staff.

“Nik comes to us with two decades of software development experience and will help us elevate the retirement application process to an easier, more efficient format and in providing technical support for our defined benefit platforms. I’m delighted to have him on our team,” said Edwin Romero, Administrator/CEO.

Velinov, a native of Bulgaria, comes from Canada where for the past 10 years he worked for FinTech writing software for the trading desks of major banks and integrations with exchanges. He also worked for the Ontario Conference for five years. He says he has always fostered a deep desire for ministry along with professional development.

“I look forward to work with the wonderful people in Adventist Retirement, optimizing processes and improving the experience for those looking to take a break from a journey of service,” said Velinov. “I am excited to follow God’s lead and engage in adventures wherever He needs to use me.”

In college, he studied nuclear physics for two years before switching to information technology. He and his wife Zory have three children. Two are

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At Rest

Each quarter we publish a list in remembrance of those who have passed to their rest.

Ahlkvist, Vivian A. (CA)
Anderson, Marvin E. (CA)
Anderson, Patricia Ann (MI)
Andres, Lillian G. (OH)
Antiquera, Salome V. (CA)
Arceneaux, Joyce M. (FL)
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Bacoro, Maria B. (HI)
Baldwin, Barbara (CA)
Baldwin, Sophia (IN)
Barton, George M. (TX)
Bates, Judy A. (OR)
Bates, Ronald (MA)
Becerra, Elfriede (CA)
Bentzinger, Herbert G. (CA)
Berkheimer, George, Jr. (OH)

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studying at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee and the youngest is a freshman at Andrews University in Michigan.

More staffing news . . .

Benefits assistants Monica Johnson and Shirley Jones recently took on the additional role of trainer, filling vacancies created following the retirements of Diane Gatling and Linda Tatum. Johnson



provides guidance to human resource personnel as they navigate the new application process and answers benefits questions from employers. She also reviews each new retirement application that is received and assigns it to a benefits assistant for processing. Jones' focus is on internal education. She trains the benefits team in new policies and procedures.

“Business continuity is a priority and Monica and Shirley are well-equipped for their new roles,” said Lisa Turpen, associate administrator. “They had the opportunity to learn the ropes from their predecessors.” ■

New Jersey Conference Hosts Retirement Seminars



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Associate administrators Lisa Turpen, Wirmin Alcantara (pictured) and CFO Andrew Choi presented seminars for New Jersey Conference pastors, teachers, and office staff on August 4 at the conference office. Offered in both English and Spanish languages, the workshops covered financial wellness, planning for retirement, and healthcare. ■

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Bernet, Marian (FL)
Best, Eleanor T. (TX)
Biloff, Janet L. (CA)
Bilugan, Aida T. (CA)
Bishop, Billy E. (CA)
Bovee, Joan (CA)
Bowman, Louise (OR)

Brower, Lani D. (CA)
Brown, James E. (CA)
Brugmann, Gertrude (MI)
Buell, Homer D. (MI)
Burke, Fred R. (NV)
Burke, Jeanne (OR)
Byrd, William C. (AL)

Cabansag, Cresencia (CA)
Campbell, Terry R. (WA)
Cereno, Salvador (FL)
Chamberlain, Leona (CA)
Chamberlain, Margaret (TN)
Christman, L. Reed (NC)
Clark, Bernie J. (OR)

Clark, Ethel J. (NC)
Clark, Vivian J. (CA)
Cline, Audrey (TN)
Conard, Sarah B. (MI)
Condon, Stanley C. (CA)
Cone, Margaretta L. (FL)
Corwin, Violet E. (OR)

Cox, Hazel M. (NC)
Crawford, James M. (CA)
Crawford, Menelva D. (TN)
Cummings, C. Kenneth (CA)
Dachs, Ronald Lee (GA)
Dalglish, Ruth R. (OR)
Daniel, Shirley J. (CA)
Davis, Ronald Orval (WA)
Davis-Umana, Grace (CA)
Day, Elizabeth A. (MA)
Dennis, Emma L. (CA)
Dennis, Janice M. (MI)
Diaz, Idalia M. (FL)
Dichoso, Deogenes (MD)
Dimock, Caroline (AR)
Dresser, Emily Jean (VA)
Dronen, Barbara R. (MI)
Dryer, Hilda J. (NM)
Dryman, Violet (NC)
Dunlap, Kenneth (WA)
Dutton, Lillian D. (FL)
Earnest, Susan E. (CA)
Eaton, Doris J. (WI)
Edge, Judith Ann (VA)
Ehrlich, Joan R. (PA)
Eick, Kelly G. (CA)
Elkins, Earnest (GA)
Ellis, Christa (WA)
Ensminger, JoAnn (CA)
Espinoza, Tito (WA)
Fenton, Jane B. (NC)
Force, Gary S. (NE)
Foster, Darrow A. (CA)
Foster, Ray L. (OR)
Francis, Georgia (FL)
Froemming, Angie (MN)
Fugate, Myrtle (OH)
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Gay, Marian (FL)
Gienger, Edmund (WA)
Gleason, George E. (MI)
Gonzales, Lupe (TX)
Gonzalez Vega, Raul (CA)
Grady, W. Lee (MI)
Gramlich, Samuel V. (CA)
Greene, Carol J. (SK)
Greenleaf, Floyd (NC)
Guthrie, Raymond D. (PA)
Guyach, Betty J. (PA)
Habenicht, Edith I. (MI)
Hall, Christopher (VA)
Hallock, Keith R. (TX)
Hannaway, Arshalous (CA)
Hardy, Gerald R. (CA)
Harlan, Mildred (FL)

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Harm, James T. (OH) Mittleider, Barbara (GA)
Hathaway, Kenneth (BC) Mollard, Sidney G. (VA)
Heim, Joyce C. (CA) Morgan, Mack S. (CA)
Hermann, Jerrold H. (NV) Moses, Norma June (TN)
Honore, Suzanne M. (MI) Mulske, Frances A. (IL)
Howard, Shirley A. (TX) Nelson, Charles R. (CA)
Hunt, Barbara A. (FL) Nelson, Oren Lee (OR)
Hunt, Bonnie C. (TN) Nephew, Virginia D. (WI)
Ives, Kevin P. (FL) Newmyer, Gwen (MN)
Janzen, Lydia (CA) Nozaki, Verna K. (CA)
Jensen, Elizabeth (FL) Okimi, Patricia H. (TX)
Jesudason, Sadanala (MD) Olsen, Arcadia Jean (CA)
Johnson, Martha (WA) Opp, Richard L. (WA)
Jones, Shirley M. (OH) Oster, Josephine L. (TN)
Jones, William E. (GA) Ostrander, Doris (TN)
Kamahele, Wallace (CA) Overbaugh, Marilyn (WA)
Kelly, Weslyne A. (TX) Paine, John E. (FL)
Kendall, Ronald G. (CA) Patten, William D. (WA)
Kidwell, Helen L. (CO) Perez, Ethel (CA)
Kinney, Marguerite (MD) Peterson, John D. (FL)
Kloosterhuis, Ruth (MD) Peterson, Violet J. (IN)
Klotz, Evelyn R. (CA) Pfannenstiel, Rodney (CO)
Koozmin, Lawrence (WA) Phillips, Edward R. (CA)
Kraubner, Klaus (CA) Pudewell, Alyce J. (CA)
Kriley, Gwendolyn (CA) Puterbaugh, Cynthia (FL)
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Kuhn, Ida (CA) Rees, Harold S. (CA)
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Miller, Jeanne A. (AR) Sequeira, Emidio (OR)
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SHARP Corner

Medicare Open Enrollment— It's right around the corner!

Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment begins October 15 and runs through December 7. During this time window, all Medicare participants can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the next year if they wish to do so.

In early October, you will receive an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) from your insurance providers, which outline any changes for your plan in the upcoming year. If you want to review your options with an Alight Benefit Advisor, call 844-360-4714 beginning October 1 to schedule an appointment. **Remember that to maintain your health reimbursement account (HRA), you must be enrolled in either a Medical or prescription drug plan through Alight Retiree Health Exchange.**

Thank you for the great responses to last month's article about the YSA Reimburse Me! App. It was great hearing from so many of you! As always, if you have a question and can't find the answer online at www.adventistretirement.org, reach out via email at SHARP@NADAdventist.org, or by calling 443-391-7338. We're here to help! ■

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