



## Looking Into the Future

**I** serve on a committee that is looking at the impending predicament that the North American Division is dealing with in the shortage of pastors. Our various universities in the North American Division are graduating a shrinking number of pastors (and teachers) to fill the void of our growing number of retirees. Right now, we graduate around 85 pastoral students from all our schools across the NAD. Currently on average we are retiring over 150 pastors each year and that number will soon sky rocket.

What does this mean for the Maritime Conference? It means that it will be increasingly difficult to fill the void as the gap between graduates and retirees grow. It also means that the Conferences which might have greater means in salary and also smaller districts will be able to attract our pastors in their direction. This is a reality that we are going to have to face in the very near future. It could even mean that some of our districts will grow to include 5 churches per pastor unless we send more of our youth to Burman to pursue a degree in Pastoral Ministries or Education.

There are a few things we must be moving towards in our small conference as this reality looms over our head. One, all our churches can become more lay-driven and less pastor dependant and, of course, this is easy to say but very difficult to carry out. Two, we can work more closely together with our sister churches in order to accomplish evangelism in our urban centers. Three, we can encourage and help out financially those who are hearing the call to ministry in teaching or pastoral ministries.

Part of the vision of our Board of Directors is to move our churches to be less pastor dependant. I have heard from many church members that they just want a pastor to preach a sermon in their church on Sabbath morning and to run prayer meeting. I believe, when I hear this, we are missing the mission that God has set our church apart for. Our mission is to seek and save the lost and somehow having a church service has supplanted the need to bring the Everlasting Gospel to the world. If we refocused and become more like our early church I believe this transition can take place to reach the lost. The early church met from house to house and many were added to their number daily.

## Regard vers l'avenir

**J**e fais partie d'un comité qui se penche sur la situation de pénurie de pasteurs à laquelle la Division de l'Amérique du Nord (NAD) est confrontée en ce moment. Nos diverses universités de la Division nord-américaine graduent un nombre décroissant de pasteurs (et d'enseignants) qui n'arrive pas à combler le vide laissé par le nombre croissant de retraités. À l'heure actuelle, nous diplômons environ 85 étudiants au pastorat dans l'ensemble de nos écoles à travers la Division (NAD). Actuellement, en moyenne, nous mettons à la retraite plus de 150 pasteurs chaque année et ce nombre va bientôt monter en flèche.

Qu'est-ce que cela signifie pour la Fédération des Maritimes? Cela signifie qu'il sera de plus en plus difficile de combler le vide à mesure que l'écart entre les diplômés et les retraités augmentera. Cela signifie aussi que les Fédérations qui pourraient avoir plus de moyens pour payer les salaires et aussi les plus petits districts (avec moins d'églises) pourront attirer nos pasteurs dans leur direction. C'est une réalité à laquelle nous devons faire face dans un avenir très proche. Cela pourrait même signifier que certains de nos districts compteront 5 églises par pasteur, à moins que nous n'envoyions plus de jeunes à l'Université Burman (Alberta) pour obtenir un diplôme en pastorat ou en éducation.

Il y a certaines choses vers lesquelles nous devons nous diriger dans notre petite Fédération alors que cette réalité se profile au-dessus de nos têtes. Premièrement, toutes nos églises peuvent devenir davantage gouvernées par des laïques et moins dépendantes des pasteurs et, bien sûr, c'est facile à dire mais très difficile à réaliser. Deuxièmement, nous pouvons travailler plus étroitement avec nos Églises sœurs afin d'accomplir l'évangélisation dans nos centres urbains. Troisièmement, nous pouvons encourager et aider financièrement ceux qui entendent l'appel au ministère dans l'enseignement ou le pastorat.

Une partie de la vision de notre conseil d'administration est d'amener nos églises à être moins dépendantes des pasteurs. J'ai entendu de beaucoup de membres d'église qu'ils veulent juste qu'un pasteur prêche un sermon dans leur église le sabbat matin et aussi diriger la réunion de prière. Je crois, quand j'entends cela, que nous manquons la mission pour laquelle Dieu a mis notre église à part. Notre mission est de chercher et de sauver les perdus et, d'une manière ou d'une autre, avoir un service religieux a supplanté le besoin d'apporter l'Évangile éternel au monde. Si nous nous recentrons et devenons plus comme l'Église primitive, je crois que cette transition peut avoir lieu pour atteindre les

Recently, I met with one of our pastors to talk about progress in his district. His words that he spoke voiced the same concern all of our other pastors have voiced at some time in serving in the Maritime Conference. The concern goes like this. I have small churches that lack gifts, but if our district joined together, they could use their gifts together to have an impact in one of the urban centers. Right now they are stretched too thin. Another concern is that many of our churches are located in barren areas and have had little evangelism impact in the last 10 years. How do we refocus our attention to seek and save the lost in our urban centers? Ellen White encouraged us to have our institutions out in the country and our churches in the city, but we seemed to have reversed this counsel.

The last item I would love to highlight is that we desperately need youth to look at filling the void of our retiring pastors and teachers. We need more youth and young adults to prayerfully consider serving the Lord in pastoral or teaching ministries. You can do your part in encouraging, supporting and praying for our youth and young adults. The Lord needs to impress the need on those that can pick up the call to enter into ministry. As a church, we can all corporately begin to pray that more of our own youth will truly consider following the call of God.

One last note to ponder before you go onto the next article. This past Campmeeting was an awesome experience, if you were there. The clear message of Jesus was presented in such a powerful and meaningful way. If you were there, how are you going to share this great message of Hope that we have in Jesus Christ? If you were not there, please go to the Maritime Conference website and listen to every presentation that is posted. Then, listen to it all over again and let it sink deeply into your heart and mind. When this message of Christ our Righteousness starts to move our hearts and our character starts to resemble the Character of Christ, God will finally have a people that will herald a clear message that the world has never heard before.

This past year we have been focusing on preparing the soil in our communities and learning the names of the people in them. This coming year we are going to begin the awesome task and privilege to share the Everlasting Gospel in our communities. Please begin praying for this momentous task ahead of us in 2020. We will be working with various ministries across North America in order to have a mighty reaping for next year. ■

Paul Llewellyn, President  
Maritime Conference

perdus. L'Église primitive se réunissait de maison en maison et beaucoup s'ajoutaient chaque jour à leur nombre.

Récemment, j'ai rencontré un de nos pasteurs pour parler des progrès réalisés dans son district. Les mots qu'il a prononcés exprimaient la même préoccupation que tous nos autres pasteurs ont exprimé à un moment ou à un autre de leur service dans la Fédération des Maritimes. L'inquiétude est la suivante. J'ai de petites églises qui manquent de dons, mais si notre district s'unissait, elles pourraient utiliser leurs dons ensemble pour avoir un impact dans un des centres urbains. À l'heure actuelle, leur capacité est utilisée au maximum. Une autre préoccupation est que beaucoup de nos églises sont situées dans des zones peu peuplées et ont eu peu d'impact sur l'évangélisation au cours des 10 dernières années. Comment recentrer notre attention sur la recherche et le sauvetage des perdus dans nos centres urbains? Ellen White nous a encouragés à avoir nos institutions à la campagne et nos églises dans la ville, mais nous semblons avoir renversé ce conseil.

Le dernier point que j'aimerais souligner est que nous avons désespérément besoin que les jeunes cherchent à combler le vide de nos pasteurs et enseignants qui prennent leur retraite. Nous avons besoin de plus de jeunes et de jeunes adultes pour envisager, dans la prière, de servir le Seigneur dans des ministères pastoraux ou d'enseignement. Vous pouvez faire votre part pour encourager, soutenir et prier pour nos jeunes et nos jeunes adultes. Le Seigneur a besoin d'insister auprès de ceux qui peuvent répondre à l'appel à entrer dans le ministère. En tant qu'Église, nous pouvons tous commencer à prier pour qu'un plus grand nombre de nos jeunes envisagent vraiment de suivre l'appel de Dieu.

Une dernière note à méditer avant que vous passiez à l'article suivant. Notre dernier Campmeeting a permis à tous ceux qui y étaient de faire une expérience géniale. Le message clair de Jésus a été présenté d'une manière puissante et significative. Si vous y étiez, comment allez-vous partager ce grand message d'espérance que nous avons en Jésus Christ? Si vous n'y étiez pas, je vous invite à vous rendre sur le site Web de la Fédération des Maritimes pour écouter chaque présentation qui y est affichée. Puis, réécoutez-les encore une fois et laissez-les s'enfoncer profondément dans votre cœur et votre esprit. Quand ce message du Christ notre Justice commencera à émouvoir nos cœurs et quand notre caractère commencera à ressembler au caractère du Christ, Dieu aura enfin un peuple qui annoncera un message clair que le monde n'a jamais entendu auparavant.

Au cours de cette année, nous nous concentrons sur la préparation du sol dans nos collectivités nous efforçant d'apprendre les noms des personnes qui y vivent. L'année prochaine, nous allons commencer la tâche, et c'est un grand privilège, de partager l'Évangile éternel dans nos communautés. Veuillez commencer à prier pour cette tâche capitale qui nous attend en 2020. Nous travaillerons avec divers ministères à travers l'Amérique du Nord afin d'avoir une moisson puissante pour l'année prochaine. ■

Paul Llewellyn, Président  
Conférence Maritime  
Translation par Guy Lacourse

Francis Chan captured it pretty well when he said,

“Church today has become predictable... You go to a building, someone gives you a bulletin, you sit in a chair, you sing a few songs, a guy delivers, maybe, a polished message, maybe not, someone sings a solo, you go home... is this all God intended for us?

Let me frame it this way: Where in the NT do you find instructions on when the church should meet? Or how many songs to sing? Or whether there should be a platform party at the front or not? Or whether we should sit in rows or tables? Where in the NT do we see people stressed out with questions like: Is the program running smooth? Is the song service running too long? Have the details been organized well? Is the bulletin accurate? Did we miss an announcement? Was the special item good? Was the preacher inspiring?

Now none of that is inherently bad. There is nothing wrong with being organized, that's biblical. The problem is we spend all our energy doing what God has never spoken about and have little time to do what he has. In fact, I have been to churches where they haven't reached a soul for ten years (which God commanded us to do) and no one seems fussed. But you touch one detail in the program and it's an all-out war! It's like “Yes! We will die for what God has not spoken about, while ignoring the clear commands he has given us.””

Francis Chan a bien saisi notre situation quand il a dit,

« L'église aujourd'hui est devenue prévisible... Vous allez dans un immeuble, quelqu'un vous donne un bulletin, vous vous asseyez sur une chaise, vous chantez quelques chansons, un gars livre, peut-être, un message poli, peut-être pas, quelqu'un chante un solo, vous rentrez chez vous... est-ce tout ce à quoi Dieu nous a destiné?

Laissez-moi vous expliquer la chose comme ceci: Où, dans le N.T., trouvez-vous des instructions sur le moment où l'église devrait se réunir? Ou combien de chansons chanter? Ou s'il devrait y avoir une troupe de gens prenant place sur une plateforme à l'avant? Ou si nous devrions nous asseoir en rangées ou à des tables? Où dans le N.T. voit-on des gens préoccupés par des questions telle que: Le programme se déroule-t-il bien? Le service de louange est-il trop long? Les détails ont-ils été bien organisés? Le bulletin est-il exact? A-t-on raté une annonce? Le chant spécial était-il bon? Le prédicateur était-il une source d'inspiration?

Maintenant, rien de tout cela n'est mauvais en soi. Il n'y a rien de mal à être organisé, c'est biblique. Le problème est que nous dépensons toute notre énergie à faire ce dont Dieu n'a jamais parlé et que nous avons peu de temps pour faire ce qu'il a dit. En fait, je suis allé dans des églises où ils n'ont pas atteint une âme depuis dix ans (alors que Dieu nous a ordonné de faire des disciples) et personne ne semble s'en soucier. Mais si vous touchez à un détail du programme, c'est une guerre ouverte! « Oui, nous allons jusqu'à mourir pour ce dont Dieu n'a pas parlé, tout en ignorant les ordres clairs qu'il nous a donnés. »



## Health Ministries

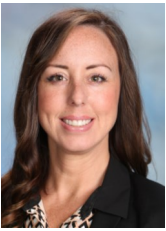
Stephanie Schwarz, Director

### Health Ministries Webinar Training

Join us for a Facebook Live webinar training sponsored by the SDACC Health Ministries, on Sunday, November 24, from 3-5:30 pm EST. The webinar training will feature Dr. Dick Tibbits, author of “Forgive To Live: God’s Way.” As well as Vicki Griffin, Health Ministries Director, Michigan Conference, Director of Lifestyle Matters Health Intervention Series.

Join us and experience freedom from addictions, situations, and negative emotions that harm us. Experience the freedom in full surrender and rest in Jesus.

To take part in the webinar training you need to have a Facebook account, and ask to join the Group: “SDACC Health Ministries.” We hope you will join us! ■



## Secretariat Report

Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary

As the Mission-driven Excellence (MdX)/REACH Representative for our Conference under my Secretariat hat, this article was spurred on by a Zoom meeting I was recently a part of with three of our four MdX Pilot Pastors and Dr. Paul Brantley, the NAD Strategic Vice-President. Spoiler alert for the end of my article – YOU are the difference in the ministry and message of the Gospel. Christ will accomplish His work, but wouldn't it be so nice to know that He used YOU; little, insignificant YOU (whose worth is beyond measure to Him, Psalms 8:4-5); weak, feeble YOU (but His strength is perfect in our weakness, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10); deceitfully hearted YOU (but God knows our heart, Jeremiah 17:9-10); poor, blind, naked YOU (whose Father gives gold from the refiner's fire and white garments and eye salve, Revelation 3:17-18). What an opportunity to SHINE, YOU have that opportunity to SHINE as HE SHINES THROUGH YOU! But let's break it down...

In the wake of Hurricane Dorian, the Bahamas is left devastated by a Category 5 Natural Disaster. "About 70,000 Bahamas residents are in immediate need of food and shelter, the UN says." (BBC News) What does the response efforts look like for a situation such as this? First Responders are needed on the scene to sustain the injured and revitalize the dying.

Next, come those who clear the debris, as the rubble makes it impossible for restoration. ***And finally, is the call to rebuild that which was lost.*** Should it not be the same with our local churches? Is this not the process of habitual reevaluation according to the Acts Church Biblical model we all should follow?

***"...Jerusalem lies in waste...."*** (Nehemiah 2:17) A call to rebuild with an unstoppable strategy propelled Nehemiah in the face of adversity. "The difficulties that God's servants will meet as they move...are but a repetition of the difficulties that Nehemiah met when trying to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Every possible hindrance was thrown in his way, and at times his work was almost stopped. But the Lord heard his prayers, and opened the way for his work to go forward" (EGW, Volume 18, Lt 139, 1903, par. 6).

Alonzo T. Jones was an Adventist forefather who triumphed the message of Christ our Righteousness. Despite Jones' alignment with Kellogg in the latter years of his life, it is documented that he remained true to Adventist Beliefs and Doctrines until his death in 1923. ***He coined the visionary idea that 'individuals reform and institutions don't.'*** The simplicity of this statement speaks to the individual as the key to establishing healthy churches.

From the pen of Stephen Nelson Haskell (early SDA writer) as he speaks about the importance of the 'individual' in the work of Salvation for our world in his book, *The Cross and Its Shadow*. The individual's light is modelled in the Candlestick of the Sanctuary...and our luminescence before man is a reflection of Christ's shining example:

*Whenever an individual will fulfil in his very soul the antitype of the typical "whole" burnt-offering, that is, wholly surrender himself to God, place himself and all he has upon the altar, to be consumed in God's service as He directs, that individual, whether he be rich or poor, learned or ignorant, will be covered with the fragrant incense of Christ's righteousness, and his name will be enrolled with the church of the first-born in heaven; and here in this sin-cursed earth, as he goes to and fro, he will be a part of the great candlestick, and from his life will shine out the bright rays of the Spirit of God.*



*The question may arise in many hearts, how may I become a light-bearer in the earth? When Zerubbabel was trying under very adverse circumstances to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, he came to a time when the difficulties appeared like mountains before him. Then the Lord sent His prophet with a message to help and encourage him. Zechariah was given a view of the golden candlesticks, and was also shown whence the oil came that supplied the lamps. He saw two olive-trees, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on the left side, which through golden pipes kept the lamps supplied with oil, that they might burn brightly. Zechariah 4:1-14 The prophet asked the angel the meaning of what he saw. In reply the angel said: "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Then he gave a message to Zerubbabel to go forward, and said that the mountain of difficulties would become a plain before him, and that as surely as his hands had laid the foundations of the house of the Lord, so surely would he finish it.*

*Zerubbabel was walking by faith in the words of the prophets who had foretold how and when, Jerusalem would be rebuilt; 2 Chronicles 36:20-23, Jeremiah 25:12, Hosea 1:7. But those prophets were dead, and he now faced difficulties that he might be tempted to think the prophets never expected would arise. Then God sent a living prophet with a message of encouragement, to keep the light burning, and enable Zerubbabel to press forward and complete the work prophesied of by the dead prophets.*

*We cannot comprehend the word of the Lord without the Spirit to enlighten our minds. The light shines to the degree in which we take the word and risk our all upon it: and as we come into difficulties in following out the instruction given through the dead prophets, the Lord sends messages of strength and encouragement through the living prophet, to enable us to press forward to victory.*

*"These are the two sons of oil (light-givers), that stand by the Lord of the whole earth." It is the Spirit of God accompanying the word which has been committed to the people, that will give light. Whatever the prophets of God have revealed to man in the past, is light; and those who have adhered strictly to the testimony of God by His prophets, although it may be hundreds of years after the testimony was given, are spoken of favorably by the living prophet, as Zechariah spoke to Zerubbabel (CIS 52.3-CIS 54.1).*

Wow! YOU are the church, the building is not the church, the building is not the beacon of light to a darkened world, but YOUR Christian life is a testament before the universe through all Ages of the CHRIST who lives in YOU and the WORD of TRUTH YOU IMPART.

If any of you have any thoughts or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact Teresa Ferreira at [teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com](mailto:teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com). ■

There are many souls who wrestle for special victories and special blessings that they may do some great thing. To this end they are always feeling that they must make an agonizing struggle in prayer and tears.

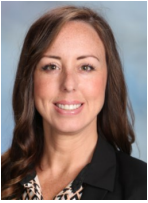
When these persons search the Scriptures with prayer to know the expressed will of God, and then do His will from the heart without one reservation or self-indulgence, they will find rest. All the agonizing, all the tears and struggles, will not bring them the blessing they long for. Self must be entirely surrendered. They must do the work that presents itself, appropriating the abundance of the grace of God which is promised to all who ask in faith. EGW, Testimonies for the Church, 165

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## Education

Teresa Ferreira, Superintendent

### TheHome.

*One reason why there is so much evil in the world today is that parents occupy their minds with other things than that which is all-important—how to adapt themselves to the work of patiently and kindly teaching their children the way of the Lord. If the curtain could be drawn aside, we should see that many children who have gone astray have been lost to good influences through this neglect. Parents, can you afford to have it so in your experience? You should have no work so important that it will prevent you from giving to your children all the time necessary to help them understand what it means to obey and trust the Lord fully (EGW, *Adventist Home*, 183).*

This quote nails me between the eyes, as it should you dear parents and grandparents. As I look at the social culture of our world, as parents/grandparents, we allow way too much to filter into our homes, debasing the very foundation of our children from within. It appears that as the world accepts, we accept. There is relatively little distinction between the Adventist home and the worldly home. We are reluctant, dare I say, scared to raise them with distinction; with the understanding that in this home we serve the Lord and as such, cartoons that depict parents as buffoons or Disney magic or technology as a play phenomenon or popular music beating into their souls and minds or Minecraft or Harry Potter or Fortnite or any/all Superhero movies or Netflix shows/movies with anthropomorphic animals or etc. (oh yes, I'll get specific) is carte blanche for the modern family home today. And we wonder why we have disrespectful teens, rebellious youth and disengaged young adults in the message and mission of the Adventist Church and/or the Kingdom of Heaven.

I was watching an informative clip on the dangers of technology on our children (secular

speech, not even spiritual counsel, but research/experience-driven) and there was a statement made that caught my attention—"I don't want my children to recognize the apple of my phone better than my face." Oh dear friends/parents/grandparents, I plead with you, as we talk ShopTalk within our homes, let's be conscientious in raising distinct little people, for they grow into the generation to finish the work as co-labourers with Christ.

### TheSchool.

Leading up to the beginning of this 2019-2020 School Year, hiring at Sandy Lake Academy (SLA) has definitely been a journey in faith! At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, as my heart was pounding and sleep alluded me for the thought of God's Divine leading and the peace needed with the intentionality of hiring excellent, quality teachers for our children, GOD took an early Monday morning fret to an overwhelming, graciously ordained answer by Thursday to three needed positions. "*Voila*" as the French say, and just like that God championed our school with three qualified hires, showing all that it's not *our* school but *His*! We are excited for the challenges and triumphs in the name of the Lord, God will see SLA through this year; keep us in your prayers.

### MCEducation.

On behalf of the MC Education department, I solicit your prayers for three major items:

- Designated immigration processing for the Conference/School;
- A season of visioning with our School Board; and
- The NB district Adventist School Proposal.

In the upcoming months, initiatives to look for from the MC Education department:

- Development of a MC Education department Online Resource Portal;
- Revisions to the MC Employee Handbook & Position Descriptions;
- MC Employee Social Media Policy;
- MC Employee Transportation Policy; and
- Supported Leadership in SLA's 5 & 10 Year Visionary Plan.

Wonderful EGW *Education* Resource:

[https://catnet.adventist.ca/files/resources/res\\_39.pdf](https://catnet.adventist.ca/files/resources/res_39.pdf)

Sandy Lake has been very busy with the opening of school. I will let our Principal, Mr. Kibbee, fill you in on the rest from SLA. ■

## News From Sandy Lake Academy



Stephen Kibbee, Principal

### 2019-2020 "In Pursuit of Greatness"

The following is an excerpt from the Principal's Message in the SLA 2019-2020 Parent-Student Handbook:

*What does it mean to be great? Throughout history, we have seen great people, great nations, and great ideas enter its stage. As we contemplate Alexander the Great, the great kingdoms described in Daniel 8, and great inventions like the printing press, are we any closer to an understanding of what makes something truly great? Great men die, great kingdoms fall, and great inventions become obsolete with the passing of time and the fruits of human ingenuity.*

*A journey through the Bible reveals that Heaven's standard of greatness is unlike that of our present world. God made the great nation of Israel out of people described as the most "stiff-necked". David became the greatest King in Israel's history, yet was the youngest and unlikeliest to exude greatness from among his brothers. Many believers have spent a life of toil only to die a lonely and forgotten martyr's death. The point is most saliently made by Jesus Himself, who proclaimed, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). Since Jesus came not to be served but to serve, we can therefore rationally conclude that true greatness finds its roots in selfless service, not selfish gain.*

*This year at SLA, we will seek through our conversations, classes, and events to explore the theme "In Pursuit of Greatness." Tied to this concept will be a deeper commitment to living out our motto **Service Above Self**. Through the study of truly great people of history, special events designed to prepare our*

*students to become truly great in whatever career path they choose, and the intentional modeling by those called to teach and mentor our young people, it is my hope that our students will choose to walk this narrow path of true greatness.*

*On behalf of all of us at SLA, we look forward to a truly great year with you.*

Many changes and improvements have occurred at SLA over the summer. We have undertaken a substantial technology upgrade both in terms of infrastructure and equipment. Three rooms have undergone major renovations. New educators have joined us with such credentials as Masters-level education, multiple degrees, and college-level teaching experience. God worked mightily in the week directly before the first week of school to provide not one, not two, but three qualified and godly full-time core staff members. New clubs in entrepreneurship, debate, robotics, and gymnastics have been introduced. Finally, Pastor Sean Todd has already integrated himself into the SLA program as our 2019-2020 Chaplain.

With all of these improvements, one might assume that greatness is inevitable, but this conclusion would be incorrect. The greatness associated with any element of our school program must be measured primarily by the degree to which each element brings Christ into clearer view before our students, harmonizes with the Bible, and mobilizes our students for serving their fellow man. We invite you, in whatever way possible, to join us in this pursuit of true greatness. Your prayers are most coveted at this time as we embark on this journey together. ■

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**Treasury Report**  
Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

As of July 31, 2019 our expenses exceed our income by \$261,732 compared with \$310,481 last year.

This is a normal figure for this time of year, just near the end of our busy summer camp program, and will not begin to improve until October.

Our tithe is at \$999,064, \$27,000 ahead of last year.

If you would like to listen to some inspiring stewardship videos go to <https://www.nadstewardship.org/i-am-a-steward/>

Jeffrey K. Wilson, with Adventist World Radio, shared the following story:

Alfred Bernhard Nobel (1833-1896), the inventor of dynamite, would eventually hold 355 patents and control 90 factories on five continents. When his brother, Ludvig, died in 1888, a French newspaper mistook him for Alfred and published a cynical obituary, calling him “the merchant of death.”

The newspaper’s obituary described a man who had gotten rich by helping people kill one another in unprecedented numbers. Feeling the sting, Nobel became obsessed with changing his legacy.

So, in November 1895, he wrote his final will in Paris. He decreed that his estate “shall be dealt with in safe securities and shall constitute a fund, the interest on which shall be annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who...shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind.”

Alfred Nobel managed to change his legacy in this world. We have a far more strategic opportunity: to change or confirm our legacy in the world to come!” ■

### CAMPMEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

Application forms for 2020 Campmeeting/ Seasonal accommodations will be mailed out to the grandfather list in November 2019.

Confirmation and payment of the \$75.00 non-refundable deposit must be received by **January 31, 2020** or the accommodation/site will be available for use by other interested individuals. **Please do not send payment by etransfer until after January 1, 2020.**

Contact Jullie Bannister for more information or to put your name on the accommodation waitlist for a cabin or trailer site.

Email [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com) or phone 506.857.8722 Ext 201.

### Tentative Dates for Camp Pugwash 2019/20:

Fall Spiritual Emphasis	September 6-8
Camp Closes 2019	October 15
Reservation Deadline	January 31, 2020 (for grandfather renters)
Camp Open 2020	mid May
PrayerShop	May 8-10
Spring Spiritual Emphasis	May 29-31
Blind Camp	(to be determined)
Junior Camp	(to be determined)
Teen Camp	(to be determined)
RAD Specialty Camp	(to be determined)
Campmeeting 2020	July 24-August 1
Fall Spiritual Emphasis	September TBD

### 2019 Campmeeting Speaker Recordings

In case you missed a meeting, or were not able to attend campmeeting this year, the audio recordings of the 2019 campmeeting speakers are available now on the Maritime Conference website: [www.maritimesda.com](http://www.maritimesda.com), ready for download or to listen online.

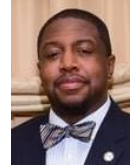
On the home page click Menu on the left side, then click resources, then Campmeeting 2019 Audio.

There are also a few USB sticks of all the 2019 campmeeting speakers available for \$15.00 plus postage. Contact Jullie at 506-857-8722 X201 or [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com).

### AdventistGiving mobile Apps!

The Apps are available in both iOS Appstore and Android’s Google Play Store. Search using keyword “AdventistGiving” to download the App to your phone or tablet. A digital copy of the QR code for your church bulletins or website are available by writing to the AdventistGiving help desk at [help@AdventGiving.org](mailto:help@AdventGiving.org)



**WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SPEAKER AT CAMPMEETING 2019—"Give Me Jesus"**Dale  
BakerJohn  
BradshawChris  
HollandTom  
LeBlancMike  
LemonLoren  
SeiboldFranz  
UngerLee & Marji  
VendenDonovan  
Washington

Another campmeeting has come and gone. We had over 525 people during most of the week, with over 645 registrants and several others who didn't check in. Were you blessed by the Spirit-filled presentations? We are confident Christ-centered messages were preached, hearts were moved, and spiritual fodder abounded for both young and old.

Our prayer for now is that the loveliness of Jesus will continue to be reflected in each attendee with ever-increasing brightness for others to see. Before the inspirations of that week ebb from our memories, we encourage each of you to recommit yourselves to an ever-deepening relationship with God. Let it be the catalyst that will spur all of us to spend and be spent in the service of our fellow human beings. Knowing that the end is near, "what sort of people ought [we] to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God?" (2 Peter 3:12 ESV).

Praise God for the decision of four (4) precious souls who were baptized on August 3—Macy Rickets, Tray van Den Burg, Marc Regnier and Hellen Regnier.

**CAMPMEETING 2020 — July 24 to August 1, 2020. Mark your calendars!**

It is not too early to circle the dates and plan vacation times, as campmeeting at Pugwash is the place to be.

Here are some of the campmeeting speakers that have confirmed for 2020:

Mike Tucker--Faith for Today,  
Willie Hucks--Andrews University Seminar Professor,  
Ranko Stefanovic--Andrews University Seminar Professor.

Proposed Camp Pugwash rental and meal charges for 2020	Camp Pugwash 2020	Total	Daily	Seasonal	Air
	<u>Rental for:</u>	<u>Campmeeting</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>(May 15-Oct 15)</u>	<u>Condition</u>
	Cabin-Rustic (auditorium field)	\$243	\$36	\$626	CM-\$25
	Single/Double Cabin-Rustic	\$272	\$41	\$713	Seasonal
	Barracks	\$297	\$41	\$799	\$150
	Youth Cabin (sm)	\$324	\$48		
	Youth Cabin (lg)	\$341	\$48		Pets
	Guest Cabin (if available)	\$364	\$53		\$25
	Single Women's Cabin (if available)	\$87	\$22		
	Trailer w/electric hookup	\$209	\$41	\$656	Grandfathered
	Paradise	\$341	\$48	\$956	Trlr Storage
	Trailer Park (new)	\$358	\$50	\$1215	\$226
	Tents (in designated areas)	\$157	\$22		
	Tent w/electric hookup	\$182	\$32		
	Private Cabin renewal			\$845	
	<b>Meals: Breakfast/Supper \$9.75 Dinner \$10.75 Children under 6 yrs \$6.00 per meal</b>				



**Prayer Ministries**  
Erna McCann, Director

## **Campmeeting Report**

### **Main Auditorium**

This year at campmeeting, Prayer Ministries had much more going on than in 2018. We took three early morning devotional times and also directed the prayer time on two other mornings.

At the back of the main auditorium we had a table with promises on it, and jars to put your praises and requests in, and in each division we put prayer request containers so the children and teens could participate as well.

### **Learning About Prayer**

We had the children and teens come to the Prayer Chapel to learn about prayer and participate in prayer, and we also went to the Beginner class and prayed with the little ones and their parents, there. Those were very precious and rewarding times, teaching them to pray!

### **Prayer Chapel**

Every morning we had prayer from 5-6 for the early birds—up to 10 people, usually. On Tuesday we had time slotted in the afternoon to come pray for your children, and then on Wednesday to pray for your spouse. If you came after Wednesday and saw sticky notes all over a window, that was all the groups of children being prayed for!

### **Devotional Walk Plans**

We have plans coming together to build a devotional walk through the camp. If you would like to help sponsor this endeavor, feel free to send an e-transfer contribution marked “Prayer Path” to ed.sharpe@maritimesda.com, or send a cheque to the conference.

**Prayer Ministry Leaders**—our monthly meetings will begin again on the first Thursday of October at 7pm. Join by Zoom, Meeting ID: 150256885, or by phone 1-647-558-0588 or 1-204-809-6080, and use the same Meeting ID: 150256885.

### **Monthly Prayer Focus:**

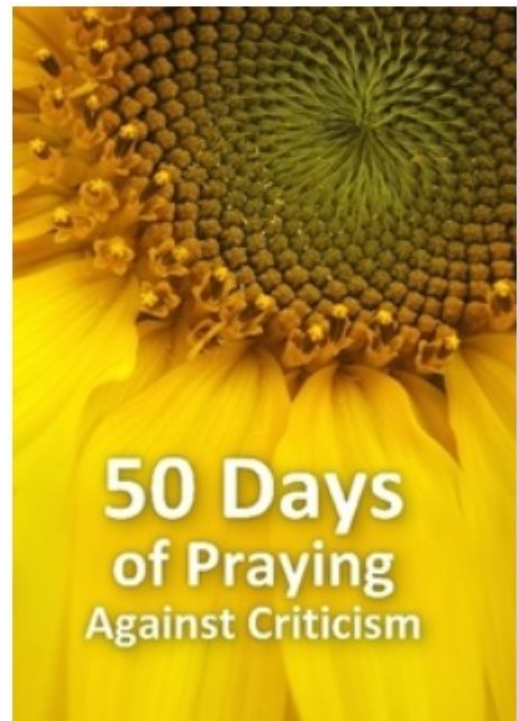
- October - children and families
- November - non-attending/former members
- December - community to have hearts open to accept Jesus

## **CONFERENCE-WIDE PRAYER TOPIC**

Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 we will begin the conference-wide prayer topic of “50 Days of Praying Against Criticism.” We want to be serious about preparing our hearts for Jesus’ soon return, and this is one of the biggest sin areas that has been massively participated in by all of us. It is time to accept the gift of repentance and allow God to kill our addiction to it.

We encourage each of you to order a copy of this book (or several) and partner with as many people as you can convince to join you, praying daily for this spirit to be removed so room is made for God’s Spirit to fill you!

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/http://www.lulu.com/shop/leif-koester/50-days-of-praying-against-criticism/paperback/product-24032379.html> ■



“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14:13-14





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### St George Pathfinders

Two Pathfinder, along with their director, Brenda Henry, from the Bay Of Fundy Flyers, attended the 2019 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They enjoyed activities like pin trading, obstacles course, maze, bouncing buildings, horseback riding, honors and the night programs. They took part in helping break the Guinness World Record with the largest human cross and visited the EAA Museum. They also had the opportunity to fly in an airplane.

The night program was very well done with Pathfinder talent, Ventriloquist Ryan and Lily, song service and a play about the life of David, from him being chosen to be King till him actually being crowned.

The week ended off with a spectacular fireworks display and the announcement that the Camporee in 2024 will be about Moses and be called **Believe The Promise**. Both Pathfinders are planning on attending the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee.

The Bay Of Fundy Flyers will start its Pathfinder season on Monday, September 16.







## Pathfinder Ministries

William Harrington, Director Retired

The report of my retiring may have been a bit overstated. Yes, I am retiring from leadership but I hope I still can be useful in some way, maybe teaching honors, helping with camporees which I hope will still continue. If we do not get a leader, I hope the clubs will take the initiative to organize them and invite other clubs to join in. It would be hard to just completely give up Pathfinders as it has been such a big part of our lives.

Many times Heather has given up a birthday or anniversary weekend for a Pathfinder camporee. For me, it has been trying to provide an experience for our children of what God has for all of them. Showing what a joy the Sabbath could be, not a time for sitting, but of joy and learning. I have also had the great privilege of meeting so many nice people and making friends that are still friends, although they may live far away.

### 2019 International Camporee Chosen

The 2019 International Camporee (August 12-17) has given those of us who were able to go a glimpse of what our church is about, caring for our children, to meet young people from all over the World. Someone in the South Pacific will have a Nova Scotia calendar hanging on their wall, someone in Brazil will be wearing a Canadian hat, just to mention a few trades. Our children are coming home with pins from many corners of the globe and also to have had the fun of trading and meeting these young people. The evening program was a great success, a lesson about David given in theatrical style. We had enough rain for God to show us how he looked after us all, briefly one early morning and torrential rain after we were all packed and on our way. One of our group could not proceed with us because of paper work problems, immigration, then was able to go another way and I think a great experience was gained through that. We temporarily missed a child, but God was looking after all. "If we have a relationship with Him He will work all things out, even though we may panic, He has everything under control." ■

News from the clubs:

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"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."  
John 14:12



# NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

## HALIFAX

### *Understanding Jesus*

On the weekend of June 14-15, 2019, the Halifax SDA Church was blessed by the ministry of Pastor Zlatan Ljuljdjurovic (Pastor Z) from the Fredericton SDA Church under the theme "Understanding Jesus." Pastor Z imparted the word of God utilizing his diverse experience, combined with his exuberant personality, erudition and often trenchant views. The combination of these made him a compelling yet amusing speaker.

On Friday during the vesper service, he reminded us of the importance of Galatians 1:6-9—a message that is powerful; 'the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the message we need to preach and share with the world. He went on to share the famous yet profound story of 'the Prodigal Son' that

Jesus shared with his disciples, the Pharisees and others. He reminded us that we can return to the Father and be accepted by him with great joy and that the Father is always ready and eager to accept us back and forgive us, no matter what we have done.

The weekend was also District Sabbath at the Sandy Lake Academy (SLA) and Pastor Z gave the charge during Sabbath school on 1 Samuel 16, the story of Jesse's son, David. It is important for us to understand that "the Lord does not see as mortals see: they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Pastor Z also led out in our AY program and shared the contrasts of the Daughter of Jairus and the Woman with the Issue of Blood.

The overall weekend was very impactful, and we were truly blessed by Pastor Z's ministry.

### Graduation

"Hi! I will be attending Saint Mary's University to pursue a Bachelor in Commerce. I want to go into business to make a difference in the world."

So quotes Oratile Mogae who graduated from Charles P Allen High School in Bedford, NS. Oratile is making a difference in the Halifax church and Camp Pugwash with her music and amazing leadership and faithful attendance.



"If you have faith as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20



Pictured are the 17 ladies who took part in a special Women's Ministries program at the Halifax church on June 8, 2019. Organized by the leader, Susan Mogae (7th from right), it was thrilling to see so many ladies do the entire service. Susan Mogae and Falisha Cherenfant presented an overview of Women's Ministries and plans for the future. The inspiring message, THE CALL TO RISE AND SHINE, was given by Sara MacLean (6th from left).



On Sunday June 30, there was a joyful atmosphere in the parking lot of the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank on Maynard St. when the Halifax Church hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canada Day Luncheon and Health Fair. After a rainy start which threatened to kibosh the event, many grateful food bank clients and community members assembled in the parking lot as church volunteers set up gazebos and tables and arranged literature for distribution. Canadian flag pins and mini flags, along with dental and female sanitary supplies (that were made available for the first time), completed the setup.

At 12 noon, the lunch extravaganza started as volunteers served a sumptuous and delicious vegetarian meal of chili and rice with salad and a beverage. Once again, over 100 persons were served and hundreds of pieces of literature including GLOW tracts, health magazines, Guides and Our Little Friends were distributed. We also lent our support to the Period Poverty Campaign by distributing several packages of sanitary products, a gesture that was well received and appreciated.

It was also a joy to see church members connect with community members as they sat and chatted with them. Along with feeding the hungry and promoting good oral health, this year's goal of forging tighter bonds and making long-term connections with the community was front and center as we collected contact information (from those who were willing to share) to be able to invite them to future activities.

The Annual Canada Day Luncheon is an event that is co-sponsored by the Sabbath School and Health departments of the Halifax church to relieve hunger in the city and to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. Since 2017, over 375 persons have been fed and several hundred pieces of literature, toothbrushes and toothpaste have been distributed. We recognize the importance of being salt and light to those in need. We pray that God will continue to bless us as we demonstrate Christ's love in our part of the world.

"The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." Exodus 14:14



We even had guests join us from Ontario! Seen here is Linda West (left) at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank kitchen making sure Yvonne Crook (right) keeps the chili from burning. Her husband Pastor Roy West was our photographer.



So many delightful giveaways to fill our bags!



Lining up for the sumptuous meal and goodies. Thank you Margaret Enniss-Trotman, Halifax Sabbath School superintendent, for spearheading this community event! Pastor Dave Crook loves every minute of this event!



The nutritious meal so organized and lovingly prepared and served by so many volunteers! "God, bless this food and those who partake."

**Senior Bible Study & Prayer Group**

Isaiah 46:4 "Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you."

Excitement, hugs and chatter starts our Bible and Prayer time. Listening to us, one would not believe our ages: 71-99 years young. We have 6 members: Rita Hack, Douglas Perrott, Alice Spencer, Audrey Stoker, John and Sara MacLean.

We have been meeting at Rita's apartment for several months now, beginning at 1pm and trying to leave by 3pm. We started our group to fill the need for spiritual nourishment. For health reasons, 3 of our ladies were unable to attend regular church services. "When one door closes, God opens another one." As we study the Sabbath School lesson and read the Bible, the Holy Spirit fills our minds to give us greater understanding. It is exciting and uplifting to hear how witnessing for Jesus becomes easier because of our study and prayer time.

Doug tells us how God is working in his life. His time with our group has given him more courage to speak out in discussions at church and maybe some day become a leader himself. God is empowering him to become a living witness for Him. Audrey says this time fills her spiritual need. She is drawn closer to

God. With the limited time to discuss the lesson at church, John says the longer time gives him a blessing. He is encouraged to talk more to our neighbors about the Good News on his walks. Alice Spencer enjoys our meetings so much that she tries to arrange other appointments for another time. She has many trials but still holds fast to the promises of God. I am encouraged by her attitude and willingness to leave all things in God hands. The "Grand Lady of the Manor" is what Rita is called at her apartment complex. Rita is an inspiration to everyone who meets her. Audrey was baptized in 2014 because of the



influence of Rita. Rita waits for an "opening" with her visitors to speak for Jesus. (Most times she makes the opening herself.) We have just celebrated her 99 birthday on August 21. Me, (Sara), well I am extremely blessed. The time we spend together is priceless. We laugh, we cry unshed tears, we pray but the greatest of these is the love we share.

Bonds that never will be broken.

Psalms 71:17-18 "O God from my youth you have taught me and still I proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."

**DARTMOUTH****Dartmouth Elevator Project**

We would like our church to be accessible to all people who wish to attend. We have members and soup kitchen guests who struggle to go either up or down stairs. With this in mind we would like to have an elevator to make it easier for anyone with mobility issues to access our building. We have plans drawn up to add an addition to the front of the church. This would also address our leaking front windows which desperately need replacing and would also include a ramp.

We have been awarded a \$50,000 Federal Government Grant towards this project. We have a deadline of mid-October, 2019 to use this money. Efforts are being made by the Fundraising Team to raise the money. However, according to estimates, we will need at least an additional \$200,000 to complete this project.

We need your help! Please consider pledging today to help make this elevator a reality. See the Dartmouth Elevator Project form on page 21.

**YARMOUTH****Wanted: Stories of Faith**

DO YOU HAVE A STORY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? We are looking for personal stories of faith, answered prayer or testimonies of God encounters to compile in a book to encourage one another. I'm sure that there are many stories out there because I have heard a few of them. If you are willing to give us a story, please email Bonnie Parsons at [bonniesands@yahoo.ca](mailto:bonniesands@yahoo.ca), call 902-307-1885 or write to her at 816 Gavel Rd, Tusket NS BOW 3M0.



## PUGWASH

**Diabetes Undone**

Pugwash Church was pleased to debut the *Diabetes Undone* program in the Maritimes. After hearing a presentation at the Health Summit this last fall, the church decided to purchase and market the program locally. With eight participants, the program was quite a success! Our health team faithfully prepared delicious sample food to accompany each one of the eight lessons. About a month after the end of the program, we got together again for a healthy potluck where participants shared their success stories—blood sugar levels had dropped and so had the pounds. We are looking forward to repeating this program and hoping that many more from the community will benefit.



## OBITUARY

**GOLDSMITH, John**—It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Captain John Goldsmith which occurred at the Saint John Regional Hospital on Thursday, August 1, 2019 with his family by his side. Born 1932, in Mutford, England, he was the son of the late Harold and Gladys Goldsmith. John was an Army Captain with Special Intelligence of England and he was also a member of Saint John SDA Church. John is survived by his daughter Anna Marie Higgs (Kevin) of England; step-daughters Pamela Thibault (Victor) of Little Ridge NB, Angie Robar of Grand Bay-Westfield; step-son Gordie Robar (Heather) of St. Stephen; 8 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his wife Judiline and sisters Barbara and Margaret.



**RAYBURN-ARSENAULT, Ruth Margaret**—83, of Rothesay NB, passed away at the Saint John Regional Hospital on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 after a brief illness. Born January 17, 1936 in Brampton, Ontario, she was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (Cook) Rayburn. Ruth is survived by her husband David Rayburn-Arsenault as well as her children, Carolyn Hosking, Jeffrey (Cindy) Veness, Karen (Gordon) Atkins, Norma Cooper and Evan (Nicki) Veness; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, along with her siblings, Alan, Everett and Marilyn. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter Lynda Helson, son-in-law Doug Hosking and brother Elwood Rayburn.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**Dartmouth** church held a special vespers program on June 15. Church members and friends came together to paint special rocks with favourite scripture verses painted on them. These rocks can be shared with others as a witnessing tool for Jesus. Light refreshments were served and it was a lovely time of fellowship and enjoyment for all. ■

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

[This was a key promise claimed by August Francke.]





### Children's Ministries

Lorie Neily, Director

Pumpkins in the cornfield, Gold among the brown,  
Leaves of rust and scarlet, Trembling slowly down;  
Birds that travel southward, Lovely time to play;  
Nothing is as pleasant, As an autumn day!

C.L. Signes

Greetings! Autumn is one the most beautiful seasons here in the Maritimes in my opinion. Warm days, cool nights, I hope you are able to take advantage of this perfect weather for lots of outdoor adventures with family and friends.

### Say Yes to Jesus Workshops

We were so blessed to have two facilitators from the NAD Children's Ministries come to instruct, encourage and challenge us. Despite lost luggage and grounded planes due to an extreme heat wave, Pastor Gerry Lopez, and Chrystal Flerchinger were super troopers by jumping in and facilitating the workshops upon their tenuous arrival. I will be sharing more information regarding the workshops with all the churches in the coming days. We all finished the workshops inspired and energized to go back to our home churches and begin putting what we have learned in place. I look forward to planning another similar event next year so more of you that had expressed an interest can attend.

### Campmeeting 2019

I cannot express enough how wonderful the programs in the Children's Divisions were this year. Our program leaders and assistants did an absolutely wonderful job. To wander outside among the buildings, listening to the singing of young voices, the creativity in story telling that brought the Bible alive, the classroom environments, the fun and laughter during games and challenges, listening to the sincere heartfelt prayers of the adults and children during quiet times, the expression of ideas and artful results during craft times, the joy of ooey, gooey experiences and simple water play in the Kinderkid tent, just filled my heart to the brim with appreciation for all of you and gratefulness to our Master Teacher who protected, inspired and strengthened during those amazing but very hot Serengeti days. All of our children, from our little Beginners, KinderKids, Primaries, Juniors and Teens were greatly blessed by the efforts of volunteers, the support of the Conference and the many prayers lifting this event up when the snow was still on the ground. Thank you to our Conference Prayer Ministries team for including the children with time in the Prayer Chapel. Thank you to the platform

organizers who were flexible and accommodating for the evening children's story so things moved along effectively. Thank you to the Camp Staff (young and young at heart) for all their assistance and energy in painting the "animals," helping to set up and take down, and for doing numerous errands to make the division events run more smoothly. Thank you to Brigitte Zebeljan for the beautiful Serengeti backdrops in the Kindergarten/Primary buildings. Thank you to Richard P. for the long drive to Middleton to pick up the animals. Thank you to Pastor Jordane for being our Head Village Singer in the Hut, it was a most memorable week for all the right reasons. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" is so true, and it takes A LOT OF VILLAGERS to make Campmeeting happen. THANK YOU to all the villagers!

In closing, I would like to share two memories from that week. On the last Sabbath, the children participating in the Jamii Kingdom VBS closed campmeeting with a feast (fruit, crackers and water) in the cafeteria. They each received a gold crown after learning more about how wonderful Heaven will be in their classes. I really enjoyed the children's time together, it was a wonderful way to close and I look forward to making this an annual event, maybe including everyone from all the divisions.

The second memory is my favourite, in the cool of the evening, the Primary class closed campmeeting with a simple walk on the beach. The children found numerous starfish as we walked along. In my work experience, I have learned there is a time to just observe, and listen to children as they discover and draw conclusions. It is my experience that you will learn more about the children you are teaching during those quiet times of reflection. And when it comes to spiritual things, children express it better than the most eloquent speaker. That evening, the children did just that and Krista, Jason and I were silent witnesses. As the sun began to set, we made a circle by joining hands and four of our Primaries prayed for all of us. I wish you could have been there. It was so moving! But the best was yet to come! As we walked up the hill toward our classroom, two or three of the children joined hands with me and they spontaneously began to sing "I am a part of the family of God...." our theme song. Before long, the whole group was singing! Praise God for the joy of children. No wonder Jesus said we must become like little children if we ever want to see Heaven.

Next campmeeting, plan to wander among the children, they will teach you just how to sit at Jesus' feet and learn of Him. ■



**Women's Ministry**  
Teresa Ferreira, Director

Maritime Conference  
Empowering women for the Kingdom  
#FaithfulFollowers4God

*Women's Ministry*  
*Seeking Him*  
*Serving Others*

On a fateful May day my dear friend, Sarah Fusté (Thorne), was in an accident with her family. While her and her three children walked away with minor injuries sustained, her husband, Rob's spine was severed. And as this has been a four month journey, the faithfulness she expresses in her writing is encouraging and strengthening. I'm going to share an excerpt from her memoirs on a FB Page entitled "Pray for Robert Fusté"...

*Faith*

My Ikea couch was over fifteen years old and on its second slipcover, so of course it was like plopping into Aunt Trudy's lap: generous, soft-bosomed, hard to climb back out. I sank into it one dark morning, just before the kids awoke.

**Jesus sat down in the other corner.**

For a long time, I hadn't really paid attention to how I addressed God when I prayed. Maybe I felt as though I was looking up at the sky, sending my hopes and requests out into a misty universe. Other times my focus was more inward, toward a Holy Spirit abiding somewhere between my chest and brain. But today, Jesus was simply a friend on my couch.

**"I'll take care of the babysitting," He said.**

In three days, I would be giving a speech at a local Mother's Day event, and I really wanted my husband to be there. All of our usual babysitters were busy. When we hear the biblical stories of God whispering to Samuel in the night or coming in the quiet after the earth-quake to speak to Elijah, we believe that God communicates gently, out of the silences. But how do we know what to trust? Those silences can echo with confusion.

For me, trusting that Jesus spoke something so practical to me that early morning was a leap across Niagara Falls.

Please join me as I lean back into Aunt Trudy's soft lap. "Is that really you? Because what you're saying

is the perfect answer to my need; it sounds too good to be true. What if I'm just putting words in Your mouth? What if it's just me, wanting what I want?"

**"I'll take care of it."**

There was something real at stake here, and it wasn't so much Rob's presence at my speech as, "Do I know God's voice or not? How do I trust that I know?"

"So what exactly do You mean? You'll take care of it, as in, I can completely relax? Or You'll take care of it by blessing my efforts? You don't usually work in magic."

But the assurance persisted.

Take the grappling above and play it on repeat over the next 24 hours. Add in a few telephone calls to my babysitters AGAIN (in the hopes that Jesus meant they had changed their minds), and a few calls to other contacts they threw out to me, and now another night and I'm awake on an early Saturday morning, holed up in the bathroom.

I don't have a babysitter. Jesus has not taken care of it, that I can see—yet. My earnest efforts at prayer and trusting have ended up here, in a heap on the bathroom floor. I can't make head nor tails of what to do. My computer, open to a professional babysitters' bulletin board, is taunting me. I am wrestling, pinning down a thought, arguing it away, grasping at it again, stuck. How do you KNOW that you've heard God's direction? How do you KNOW that you know?

# [Faith]

I switch off the lights and slog back to bed. I need to talk to someone, to Rob. I slide between the sheets just as two little feet cross our room and a blonde mop top peers over the side of our bed, his signature morning grin spreading like a sunrise.

"Get in!" I say, gesturing with my head as I hold open the quilt. He climbs over me and in between Rob and I, pulling the blanket up to his chin and snuggling down.

"Can I share something with you?" I ask Rob, over my son's head.

He is just blinking awake, dreading, I'm sure, the tone in my voice, which augurs a serious conversation while his brain cells are barely firing.

"What do I do?" I ask, after the tearful summary.

Rob is gracious. "That's hard," he said.

My five-year-old is looking at my face, which is wet with the tears of my struggle. I wanted to hear, and at the same time didn't want to be foolish. Our boy doesn't understand what we're talking about, but he sees my anguish, and his eyes are troubled.

Into the sniffling silence, he begins to sing, his morning voice clearing out into a sweet soprano. The words to a song we had played often in the car come sailing out of his lips, draping themselves over me like a silk scarf, smoothing my brow, transforming my tears into breathlessness at the grace:

**"Take no thought for tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself. Your heavenly Father knows what you need, so take no thought for tomorrow."**

That was from our son, our little boy.

All the poundage fell to the floor, rebounding a moment before coming to stillness. His grin returned as he watched the rainbow come out—smile amidst tears.

The next morning, a friend called and asked if she could bring my daughter to a birthday party for most of the day. Rob took care of the other two and brought them all to watch my speech. There was an ease to it all. Jesus took care of it.

I could have relaxed all those days, chilled out, like Jesus in the prow of the boat in the storm.

But I didn't know it until I lived it out, all the way to the end of my struggle.

We were listening to this song again, "Take no thought for tomorrow," at the hospital a few days ago as I cut Rob's hair. He has another infection, a microbe that you have in your armpits but he has in his tracheo-bronchial tubes...it's zonking him out.

We opted to do an inhaled antibiotic this time.

How do you take no thought for tomorrow when your tomorrow feels depressing and unknown, when the present moment doesn't tell you your future? How do you make that leap?

"Your heavenly Father knows what you need..."

Yes. Let go of the thoughts and the fears about tomorrow. He knows what we need, and He will give us what we need, for today, for the present moment.

Oh, beautiful, divine invitation to rest and relax and snuggle with the soft-skinned boy singing sweetly next to you. Rest. Rest in the care that we've seen so many times in the past.

He will take care of it.



**Referenced Song:**

<https://youtu.be/oQV1p1UjqE4>

*CoNNECt Retreat: Brought to you by Young Adult Prayer Ministries*

## RECALCULATING:

LIVING BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND THE MULTITUDE

As Young Adults, we often struggle with this tension between living in the world and striving to build healthy relationships with God and others. Sometimes our selfish outlook causes us only to focus on having our own needs met while shutting people out in the process. Other times, we get distracted by the hype of our culture and forget the benefits of a thriving relationship with our Creator and others. Join us as we share our life stories, dialogue in small groups about Biblical solutions, pray together, and spend time in personal reflection.

*We want you to come away with:*

- A rejuvenated heart
- A renewed sense of purpose in advancing the cause of Christ
- Tools to improve your devotional lives

Camp Lawroweld  
Oct 4th at 5:00 p.m.—  
Oct 6th at 9:00 a.m.

**Early Bird: \$35**  
**Regular: \$40**

**To Register:** Closes Sept. 20  
[connect-young-adults.eventbrite.com](http://connect-young-adults.eventbrite.com)

**For further questions:**  
[youngadults@nnec.org](mailto:youngadults@nnec.org)



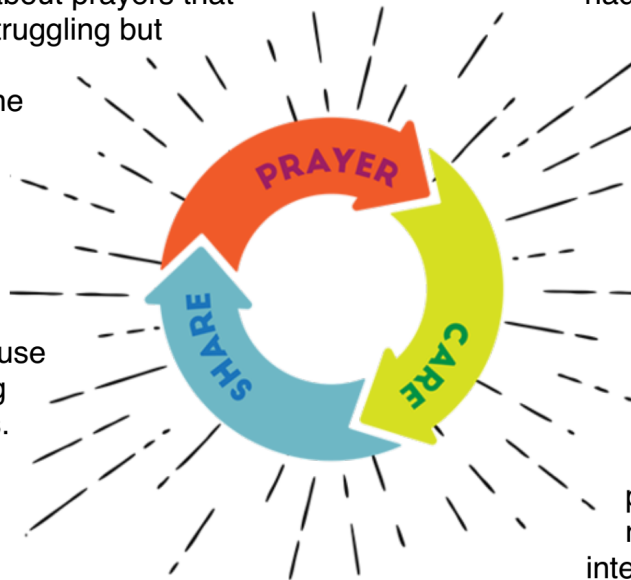
# [Inspiration]

So often in our Conference we have stories that, if shared, can inspire one another in our individual journey. For this Quarter, I have one, but for the next Quarter Pulse, I'd love to hear a story from one of you, MC ladies — [teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com](mailto:teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com).

We just recently had our Church Campout Weekend at my parent's farm in Kars, NB. A lovely piece of property nestled between two coves on the Belleisle Bay. On Saturday night around the campfire we had worship under the magnificent country stars. After prayer and a story of woe from the life of the Israelites and the water Marah (bitter), where the analogy was drawn by Pastor Ricky about the bitterness in life sometimes experienced by one and all, we then began to share from our hearts.

Comments were raised about prayers that couples who had been struggling but them to reestablish their relationship with God. One up and told how she had of the troubled couples was a quick, shallow time. She asked for as she felt that maybe was more of a hindrance the eyes of heaven because The fear was in hindering flippancy, faithless prayers. decided to take them off with a faithful, earnest saw her honest, rewards the Christian of faithful than we could ever be. He

He desires our healing, He desires our heart in open, honest relationship with Him...and waits for us to understand this so He can begin to work as only a God of Love truly can.



had been uplifted on behalf of miraculous events had led marital commitment and courageous woman spoke committed to pray for one but got to a point where it prayer at the allotted forgiveness before God, her prayer of intercession than a benefit before it lacked depth and heart. God's power due to her With that she either her list or step forward prayer of petition. And as God repentant heart, I believe He integrity and truth, as He is more

desires our best, He desires our trust,

*"...you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favour bestowed on us through the prayers of many." 2 Cor. 1:11*

*"...for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ..."*  
Philippians 1:19

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

— Galatians 6:9 NIV

# [Bread of Life]






**Dartmouth  
Seventh-Day Adventist  
Church**

 35 Lakecrest Dr.  
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia  
B2X 1X9

Dear Members,

We would like our church to be accessible to all people who wish to attend. We have members and soup kitchen guests who struggle to go either up or down stairs.

With this in mind we would like to have an elevator to make it easier for anyone with mobility issues to access our building. We have plans drawn up to add an addition to the front of the church. This would also address our leaking front windows which desperately need replacing and would also include a ramp.

We have been awarded a \$50,000.00 Federal Government Grant towards this project. However, we have a deadline of August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to either use this money or return it to the Government. Efforts are being made by the Fundraising Team to raise the money. However, according to estimates we will need at least an additional \$200,000.00 to complete this project.

We need your help! Please consider pledging today to help make this elevator a reality. Thank you in advance and God Bless.

The Fundraising Team

 Lori Bowdridge 902-488-4761  
Colleen Appleton 902-462-6062

**Dartmouth SDA Church – Elevator Project**

 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Amount Pledged: ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

A tax receipt will be sent to you by our treasurer at the end of the fiscal year. Thank you again!  
Keep this portion for your records.

*Cut this portion and mail /give to:*

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 Dartmouth SDA Church  
 Attn: Chloe Kitchen-Scott  
 35 Lakecrest Drive, Dartmouth NS B2X 1T9

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**Parker Street**  
 food & furniture bank

**Current Volunteer Needs:**

**Food Coordinator Assistant**  
**Furniture Repair and Refinishing Assistant**  
**Furniture Administrative Assistant**  
**Housewares and Clothing Coordinator**

For information on other available opportunities, please call  
 (902) 425-2125 ext. 205 or fill out the Volunteer Application form  
 found on our website [www.parkerstreet.org](http://www.parkerstreet.org) and email it to  
[volunteer@parkerstreet.org](mailto:volunteer@parkerstreet.org).

**Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band,  
8th Annual Gypsy Concert**
**Date:** Saturday, November 16, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

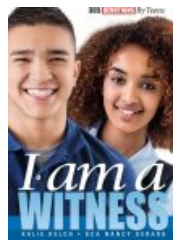
**Venue:** Marquee Ballroom, 2037 Gottingen St  
 Once again the Gypsy band will be hosting a concert and silent auction to benefit Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank. You get to hear all the classic hits from Fleetwood Mac without paying a hefty price. Along with the silent auction there will also be a 50/50 draw, last year's 50/50 winner took over \$400 home! Mark this event on your calendar!



## Jesus Wins! (Adult Devotional)

By Elizabeth Talbot

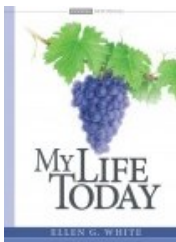
Revisit the stories of Jesus in this life-changing daily devotional. Appreciate His beautiful character. Hear His profound truths in His simple messages. See His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element of His life is too small to provide insight. These insights will revitalize your life!



## I Am a Witness (Teen Devotional)

By Kalie Kelch

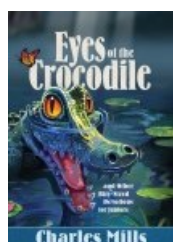
When Jesus tells us that we are to be witnesses for Him, it is more than a commandment. We can only share Jesus based on what we have seen and heard ourselves. This devotional is a journey through the Gospels, and some of the book of Acts. It will help you get to know Jesus more fully as you connect with Him through the reading of Scripture, prayer, and the testimonies of other Christians.



## My Life Today (Evening Devotional)

By Ellen G. White

In these devotionals, a constant call to duty is combined with the assurance of pardon and the promise of joy. You will experience the beauty of holiness, learn the secret of Christian victory, and savor the future destiny of the saints. Best of all, each precious page contains practical suggestions to help you strive for a closer walk with God.



## Eyes of the Crocodile (Junior Devotional)

By Charles Mills and others

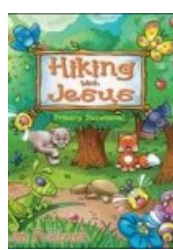
Inside you'll learn about things high and low, near and far, that will give you a handle on life. Each day of the week has a different flavor. For instance, Sunday is Gracelink day, relating to the Sabbath School lesson for that week. Monday is Let's Go Retro, which features some of *Guide's* greatest hits. On Sabbath you'll learn more about the life of Jesus.



## I Am Loved (Women's Devotional)

By Carolyn Rathbun Sutton

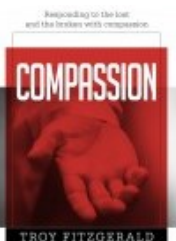
Do you crave frequent reminders that Someone treasures you above all else? Does your heart need to hear a love song? Then spend a few moments each day reading the stories in this devotional book. They not only highlight God's multifaceted love but also bring the blessed assurance that His undying love is focused on you.



## Hiking With Jesus (Primary Devotional)

By Jim Feldbush

All the nature in the Bible! Trees, flowers, animals . . . it's ALL HERE! Take a "nature hike" through the Bible and discover all the wild and wonderful things that God made for our happiness. Through the eyes of each inspired author you'll learn about nature's great God. And whenever you see a piece of nature in the real world, you'll remember the deeper meaning.

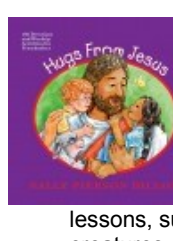


## Compassion (Young Adult Devotional)

By Troy Fitzgerald

The parables of Jesus highlight compassion in order to teach us how to reflect His compassion to others. These great truths are worthy of the vehicle of a story to make them memorable and transferable. Every great story has a context. By paying attention to the clues surrounding a story you will get greater insight into the ideas involved.

Can you apply these ideas to the world around you? Can you incorporate them into your own life?



## Hugs from Jesus (Preschool Devotion)

By Sally Pierson Dillon

These simple object lessons will arouse your child's imagination with a wide variety of hands-on experiences. Most of them involving easy five-minute craft projects that engage all the senses, stimulating your child's growing intellect. Some involve practical

lessons, such as how to count or dial 911. Many focus on God's creatures great and small. Your child will grow in wonder at all things wise and wonderful and in gratitude to the Lord who made them all.

## Adventist Public Radio

### Available TODAY in your community!

Christian songs, hymns, classical symphonies combined with Bible verses every 30 minutes, narrated by the best orators in the world!

Available Online: [www.AdventistPublicRadio.com](http://www.AdventistPublicRadio.com) also Roku TV and YouTube.

### Highlighted Features Include

A creation slide show on your computer, smartphone or T.V while you listen!

An uplifting paragraph of scripture read - every 30 minutes!

Doug Bachelor answers two Q&A's with callers once every hour

Adventist Preachers, bringing the message of righteousness by faith

Inspiring music featuring the very best of Adventist artists

New Start Healing

### Sabbath Morning

Invite your Church to play this station in the sanctuary before each service begin from 8am until 9:30am Atlantic to Pacific time zones.

### Evenings For Kids

Between 6 and 7 PM EST, we present "Children's Hour" with dramatized stories from My Bible Friends, Pilgrims Progress and Uncle Arthur's Bible Stories with music just for kids.

The Maritime Pulse is available for viewing on the Maritime Conference website at [www.maritimesda.com](http://www.maritimesda.com)

## Adventist Resources

### New Radio Program for Kids:

Discovery Mountain is a dramatized audio program where listeners experience adventure, mystery, camp fire songs and, most importantly, get to know Jesus.

Discovery Mountain launched in 2017 and is a ministry of the Voice of Prophecy. [www.discoverymountain.com](http://www.discoverymountain.com).



"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." Psalm 81:10  
[This was a key promise claimed by George Müller.]

## Maritime Pulse

The Maritime Conference Pulse Committee recommends that we adopt as a mission statement "to encourage and nurture the Adventist Church Fellowship in the Maritimes by promoting and sharing personal ministry and evangelism tools and experiences." Do you have any personal ministry experiences to share with our readers? Email them to [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com).

Thank you to each one who has contributed. Please remember that the Maritime Pulse is posted on the Conference Website for public viewing. Check with the individuals your articles are reporting about for permission to use the story in the Maritime Pulse.

**The next Maritime Pulse deadline is December 2, 2019.**

### Distribution of Maritime Pulse

The Maritime Pulse is distributed electronically via email to the churches. A few printed copies are sent to the elders in the mail as usual.

We recommend you send this pdf file or the website link directly to your church members who have computers/internet access.

A reminder that the Maritime Pulse is available for viewing online at [www.maritimesda.com](http://www.maritimesda.com) and is the easiest way to view the Maritime Pulse.

## MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS

The Maritime Conference office is open  
Monday through Thursday  
7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Worship time 8:45 am  
Please Note:

**We are closed on Friday.**

For your convenience we have a mail slot in the front door area for you to drop off any envelopes when we are not open.

**Leave a message at 506-857-8722.**

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## HAS YOUR ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO CHANGED?

Please be sure to let your church clerk know if your address has changed or will be changing.

This helps to keep our records up-to-date, as well as ensuring that you will continue to receive the Messenger and Adventist Journey magazines. If you are not receiving these magazines, please contact your local church clerk, or Jullie Bannister at the conference office by:  
Phone 506.857.8722 Ext 201, Fax 506.853.7368 or Email [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com).

## MARITIME CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2019

<b>September</b>	Health Focus	
Sep. 8-14	Nurture Periodicals/Family Togetherness Week	
Sep. 14	Let's Move Day/Family Togetherness Sabbath	
Sep. 15-21	Hispanic Heritage Week/Let's Move Week	
Sep. 28	Maritime Advance	Offering
Sep. 28	13th Sabbath-South Pacific Div.	Offering
<b>October</b>	Adventist Heritage Focus	
Oct. 5	Children's Sabbath	
Oct. 7	Clerk 3rd Qtr Statistical Report Due	Conference
Oct. 12	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Oct. 12	Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath/Clergy Appreciation	
Oct. 12	Canadian Voice of Prophecy	Offering
Oct. 19	Pathfinder Sabbath	
Oct. 20	Conference Board of Directors	Conference
Oct. 26	Local Church Member Attendance Count to be taken	
Oct. 26	Maritime Advance	Offering
<b>November</b>	Prayer Focus	
Nov. 2	Local Church Member Attendance Count to be taken	
Nov. 2	Stewardship Sabbath	
Nov. 2-30	Native Heritage Month	
Nov. 3-9	Week of Prayer	
Nov. 9	Annual Sacrifice	Offering
Nov. 9	Human Relations Sabbath	
Nov. 15	National Philanthropy Day	
Nov. 16	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Nov. 16	Welcome Home Sabbath	
Nov. 23	Maritime Advance	Offering
Nov. 30	Burman University	Offering
<b>December</b>	Christian Hospitality Focus	
Dec. 2	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Dec. 7	Bible Sabbath	
Dec. 8	Board of Directors Meeting	Video
Dec. 14	Adv. Min. of Compassion Cda	Offering
Dec. 14	Prison Ministry Sabbath	
Dec. 19	SLA Christmas Program	SLA
Dec. 28	Maritime Advance	Offering
Dec. 28	13th Sabbath-East-Central Africa Division	Offering
<b>2019 MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS</b>		
Columbia Union and Southern Union		Offering



## ADRA Canada Annual Appeal



Fall is traditionally the time for Ingathering—(now the ADRA Annual Appeal) is still done by many churches, while others have let the program fall away. ADRA Canada is the recipient of Ingathering dollars raised in Canada, with the ADRA Annual Appeal being the primary source of funds for ADRA Canada's many overseas (and national) projects. In many churches today, members themselves give to ADRA Canada, which has set a goal of only \$100/member for the entire year (which represents only \$8.33/month). The Maritime Conference joins ADRA Canada in encouraging everyone to get involved and support the ADRA Annual Appeal.

You may give to ADRA Canada through your local church in the tithe envelope, or by sending your cheque directly to them by mail:

ADRA Canada, 20 Robert St W,  
Newcastle ON L1B 2G1, or  
online at [www.adra.ca](http://www.adra.ca) click on "Donate" link at the bottom of the home page.

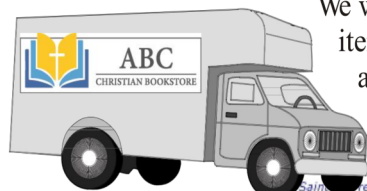
Please consider how your donation can help ADRA Canada work all around the world and in Canada.



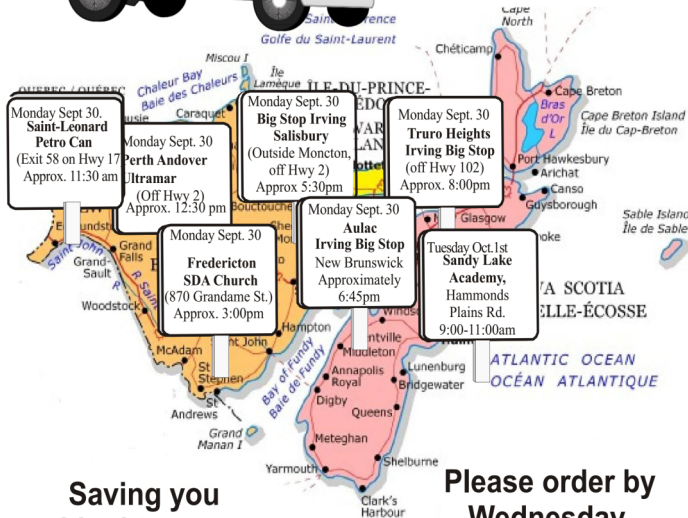
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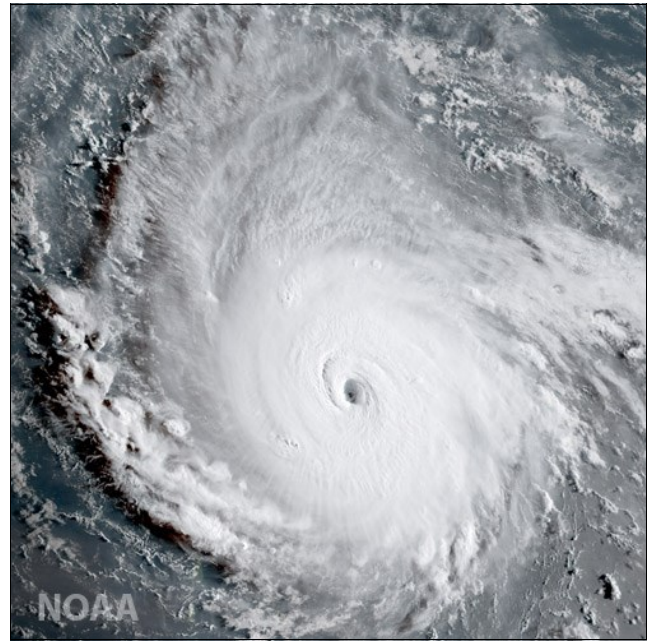


We will only be delivering items that are pre-ordered and pre-paid. You may call, fax or email your order.



**Saving you shipping costs**

**Please order by Wednesday, September 25, 2019**



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and ADRA Canada are saddened by the events unfolding in the Bahamas.

Hurricane Dorian's fury wreaked unprecedented damage. Many have been killed or injured. Over 72,000 people are in need of urgent assistance. Over 13,000 homes have been badly damaged. The full extent of the damage is not yet known as some areas continue to be inaccessible.

ADRA Canada in partnership with the global ADRA network is raising funds to provide food, clean water, emergency shelter kits, and other necessary supplies.

ADRA staff are on the ground providing assistance in partnership with local Seventh-day Adventist churches and volunteers.

The SDACC expresses appreciation to those who have already provided support and encourages cash donations to ADRA Canada at [adra.ca/hurricanes](http://adra.ca/hurricanes) for our brothers and sisters in this tragedy who are struggling.

Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

May those affected be blessed with peace, safety, and the knowledge of the love of God. Thank you for your prayers and compassion.

Sincerely,

Stephen Matthews, Executive Director, ADRA Canada  
Mark Johnson, President, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

Please make a donation to our Emergency Response fund at <http://www.adra.ca/product/hurricanes/>.