



A few years ago, we started making plans for a year of evangelism to take place in 2020. When the North American Division had a year of evangelism and the whole division was focused on reaching the lost we had a huge spike in baptisms. It would be great if evangelism

took place naturally like the church in Acts, but in today's church it seems that we must be intentional about seeking and saving the lost.

During the year of 2019, our Conference focused on preparing the soil for the planting of the Seeds in 2020. God has actually prepared the way to make sure that as many resources are in line for this to take place. Many churches have been working in their community to learn the names of those around the church and their needs. Large donations and wills have come in which are earmarked for evangelism only. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) has set aside \$125,000 to go towards Urban Evangelism for our Conference, as this is where the majority of people are living these days. (in order to reach them). The SDACC has even set aside funds for rural churches to claim if they are wanting to reach the smaller communities with the Gospel too. Our Board of Directors are serious about seeing the work of spreading the Gospel in our own territory. All this has combined to set us up for a year of Evangelism in 2020.

There are a few great challenges that impact how we carry out our evangelism focus for 2020. Churches that have been intentional in reaching the community have gone out and began to minister to their surrounding communities in order to become familiar with who their neighbors are. Jesus did this before he called people to follow him. If we want to reach others for Jesus we must be a people that move away from just focusing on a church service and begin focusing on outreach to bring the message of Good News in the context of the Three Angels Message.

Another challenge is retaining people that come in through our evangelistic outreaches. I talked to a family that was involved in Adventist Frontier Missions and they told me that they carried out an evangelistic effort three years ago in the Philippines and baptised 1500 people and a year later not one person that had been baptized was attending the local churches. This is something that is plaguing Adventism. How do we retain those that come into our church?

Il y a quelques années, nous avons commencé à faire des plans pour une année d'évangélisation qui aura lieu en 2020. Lorsque la Division Nord-Américaine (NAD) a précédemment lancée une année d'évangélisation et que toute la division s'est concentrée sur les perdus, les baptêmes ont connu un énorme pic d'augmentation. Ce serait bien si l'évangélisation avait lieu naturellement comme pour l'Église dans les Actes, mais dans l'Église d'aujourd'hui, il semble que nous ayons d'être intentionnel dans notre effort pour chercher et sauver les perdus.

Au cours de l'année 2019, notre Fédération s'est concentrée sur la préparation du terrain en vue de la plantation des Semences prévu en 2020. Dieu a en fait préparé le chemin pour s'assurer qu'un nombre de ressources soient présentes pour que cela se produise. Beaucoup d'églises ont travaillé dans leur communauté pour apprendre les noms de ceux qui vivent autour de nos églises et leurs besoins. D'importants dons et legs sont arrivés qui sont réservés à l'évangélisation seulement. L'Église adventiste du septième jour au Canada (SDACC) a mis de côté 125 000 \$ pour l'évangélisation urbaine dans notre Fédération. C'est là que la majorité des gens vivent aujourd'hui, et là où nous devons aller pour les atteindre. La SDACC a même mis de côté des fonds que les églises rurales peuvent réclamer si elles veulent atteindre les plus petites communautés avec l'Évangile elles aussi. Notre conseil d'administration est déterminé à voir se faire le travail de diffusion de l'Évangile sur notre territoire. Tout cela nous a permis de nous préparer pour une année d'évangélisation en 2020.

Il y a quelques grands défis qui ont un impact sur la façon dont nous réaliserons notre objectif d'évangélisation pour 2020. Les églises qui ont une réelle intention d'atteindre les gens sont sorties et ont commencé à exercer leur ministère dans les communautés environnantes afin de se familiariser avec leurs voisins. Jésus a fait cela avant d'appeler les gens à le suivre. Si nous voulons atteindre les autres pour Jésus, nous devons être un peuple qui s'éloigne de la simple focalisation sur un service religieux et commence à se concentrer sur l'évangélisation pour apporter le message de la Bonne Nouvelle dans le contexte du message des Trois Anges.

Un autre défi est de retenir les gens qui viennent à nous grâce à nos activités d'évangélisation. J'ai parlé à une famille qui était impliquée avec l'organisme Adventist Frontier Mission et ils m'ont dit qu'ils avaient fait un effort d'évangélisation il y a trois ans dans les Philippines et baptisé 1500 personnes et un an plus tard pas une seule des personnes qui avaient été baptisées ne fréquentait les églises locales. C'est quelque chose qui afflige l'adventisme. Comment retenir ceux qui viennent dans notre église?

The research says that those who leave fail to make a connection with someone within the church. They leave because friendships are not formed and it is easy to drift away when that does not take place. In looking at the various studies that have come out on how to prevent this from taking place, they have indicated that the more loving a church is, the better able they are to keep people from leaving. When churches have critical members, young people especially will not attend or will drift away.

I want to tread on dangerous ground right now. I was talking with a friend of mine lately and he stated why his church was so mad at their pastor and at the conference. As we began to talk more deeply of what was going on it became clear that this church needed to look deeply at themselves and not to cast blame at others for what was taking place within their own church. If we are introspective enough, we would be willing to look at what is taking place in our own spiritual lives and that of our local church. Loving churches will attract those who are looking for the character of Christ manifested in the lives of the members. If our churches and members are not deeply walking with Jesus, that character cannot be manifested in us. Here is a little test to see if this is indeed taking place. Who are you mad at? Who are you blaming? Are you deeply happy in Jesus or just faking it till you make it? If you have a critical spirit, you are in need of Christ's character in your life. Another dangerous issue to look at to see if indeed we are a church that has the character of Christ manifested in us is ... where are our youth and young adults? If you find that our own children (youth and young adults) are not attending, look deeply at why they are not there. If your church does not have any youth or young adults around, start to make this a matter of prayer and ask the Lord to make the needed changes to your own heart and that of the church. Jesus loves it when we bring our hearts to his throne. This is the only way He can begin to change us to be more like Him. If we refuse to bring this to Jesus then we are left to continue leading our lives and to continue as a church to decline in membership.

I have been studying the Third Angel's Message lately in the context of the life of Daniel. The Third Angel Message found in Revelation 14:9-12 is not a warm fuzzy message to share with people. As I look at Daniel chapter 6, I find that Daniel faithfully lived his life in Christ and it came out in his daily work. Others looked on and did what their sinful natures dictated and they became very critical of Daniel. Be careful of who you personally align with in this story. Is your life more like Daniel or those he worked with that became critical of him? Those critical of Daniel banded together (critical people need other critical

La recherche indique que ceux qui partent ne parviennent pas à établir une connexion avec quelqu'un à l'intérieur de l'église. Ils partent parce que les amitiés ne se forment pas et qu'il est facile de s'éloigner quand cela ne se produit pas. En examinant les diverses études qui ont été publiées sur la façon d'empêcher cela, ils ont indiqué que plus une église est aimante, plus elle est en mesure d'empêcher les gens de partir. Lorsque les églises ont des membres qui critiquent, les jeunes en particulier n'y assisteront pas ou s'en éloigneront.

J'aimerais maintenant aborder un sujet potentiellement désagréable. Je parlais avec un ami récemment et il m'expliquait pourquoi son église en voulait tellement à leur pasteur et à la Fédération. Alors que nous parler plus profondément au sujet de ce qui se passait, il est devenu clair que cette église avait besoin de faire une profonde introspection et de ne pas jeter le blâme sur les autres pour ce qui se passait dans leur propre église. Si nous sommes assez introspectifs, nous serons prêts à regarder ce qui se passe dans notre propre vie spirituelle et dans celle de notre église locale. Une église aimante attirera ceux qui recherchent le caractère du Christ qui se manifeste dans la vie des membres. Si nos églises et nos membres ne marchent pas intensément avec Jésus, ce caractère ne peut se manifester en nous. Voici un petit test pour voir si cela se produit effectivement. Contre qui es-tu en colère? Qui blâmes-tu? Es-tu profondément heureux en Jésus ou fais-tu semblant en attendant que tu y arrives pour vrai? Si vous avez un esprit critique, vous avez besoin du caractère du Christ dans votre vie. Une autre question difficile à examiner qui puisse nous permettre de voir si en effet nous sommes une église qui a le caractère du Christ manifesté en nous est: où sont nos jeunes et nos jeunes adultes? Si vous constatez que nos propres enfants (jeunes et jeunes adultes) ne sont pas présents, examinez attentivement les raisons de leur absence. Si votre église n'a pas de jeunes ou de jeunes adultes autour de vous, commencez à en faire un sujet de prière et demandez au Seigneur d'apporter les changements nécessaires à votre propre cœur et à celui de l'église. Jésus aime quand nous apportons nos cœurs à son trône. C'est la seule façon qu'Il peut commencer à nous changer pour que nous soyons davantage comme Lui. Si nous refusons d'apporter ceci à Jésus, alors nous sommes condamnés à continuer à mener nos vies [d'une façon qui n'apportera pas la guérison attendue] et de voir le nombre de membres décliner dans nos églises.

J'ai étudié le Message du Troisième Ange récemment dans le contexte de la vie de Daniel. Le Message du Troisième Ange trouvé dans Apocalypse 14.9-12 n'est pas un message doux à partager avec les gens. Quand je regarde Daniel chapitre 6, je trouve que Daniel a vécu fidèlement sa vie en Christ et cela ressortait aussi dans son travail quotidien. D'autres regardaient et faisaient ce que leur nature pécheresse leur dictait et ils devenaient très critiques envers Daniel. Portez attention à qui vous vous identifiez dans cette histoire. Votre vie ressemble-t-elle plutôt à celle de Daniel ou à celle de ceux avec qui il a travaillé et qui l'ont critiqué? Ceux qui critiquent Daniel se sont regroupés (les gens qui critiquent ont besoin d'autres personnes



people to associate with) and began to set a plot to bring him down. They buttered up the king and got him to make the law on worship. They placed the target on Daniel's spiritual life.

You know how the story goes and that when the law was passed, Daniel did what he normally did ... He prayed. He did not protest to the King. He did not complain to his fellow Israelites. He brought his issue to the Lord, no one else. He trusted God to take care of the issue. He did not tell God how to take care of it, he trusted that God knew how to take care of it better than he could ever imagine. How many of us tell God how things should be done? How many of us are willing to trust God that if we prayed and have placed our church issues into His hands, that God will work it out. If it is not a doctrinal or moral issue that we need to stand on, then let God be God. This is what Daniel did. He prayed and let God be God.

Pastor Salomon has been telling me this for a few years now, to pray more, speak less and let God be God. This is exactly what Daniel did. He did not speak to anyone about his death sentence. He went directly to God and left it in His hands. So Daniel went willingly into the lions' den, after the king had tried to look for some legal loopholes to get Daniel out of the death sentence. How often does God want to perform a miracle for us if we would go only to Him with our issues and complaints and let Him take care of it His way. Who knows, God might be needing to change me before He can take our issue and make the miracle happen.

Daniel trusted God. Plain and simple. He did not become critical or get his peeps (youthful term for people) to rise up against the king. He trusted that God had a greater plan and could work this out for him. He also trusted God with his life. Daniel faced dying in the lions' den and did not complain once. How many of us complain about other church members, our pastor, our young people, changing the church service, our leadership, having to reach the lost? Use Daniel as your example, but there is a perfect example that we should be looking at first. Look at Jesus on the cross. He did not complain one bit to take our sins upon His shoulders. He went willingly to the cross and fully put His Father's will before His. God's last day people will have this same character written on their foreheads. It will be our character too.

Now let's look at Revelation 14:12. Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. This is a group of people that patiently live out their lives as Commandment keeping people. This is how Daniel lived out his life every day. This is a group that have the same faith that Jesus had in the garden and on the cross. A faith that says "Your will be done."

semblables avec qui s'associer) et ont comploté pour le faire tomber. Ils ont eu des paroles flatteuses envers le roi et lui ont fait rédiger une loi concernant le culte. Ils avaient pour cible la vie spirituelle de Daniel.

Vous connaissez l'histoire et savez que lorsque la loi a été adoptée, Daniel a continué à faire ce qu'il faisait normalement ... Il a prié. Il n'a pas protesté auprès du Roi. Il ne s'est pas plaint à ses compatriotes israéliens. Il a porté sa cause devant le Seigneur, personne d'autre. Il a fait confiance à Dieu pour s'occuper du problème. Il n'a pas dit à Dieu quoi faire et comment faire, il avait confiance que Dieu savait mieux que quiconque comment remédier au problème. Combien d'entre nous disent à Dieu comment les choses doivent être faites? Combien d'entre nous sont prêts à croire que Dieu, à qui nous avons prié et entre les mains de qui nous avons placé nos problèmes d'église, arrivera à trouver une solution? Si la question n'en est pas une de nature doctrinale ou morale sur laquelle nous devons nous appuyer, alors laissons Dieu être Dieu. C'est ce que Daniel a fait. Il a prié et a laissé Dieu être Dieu.

Le pasteur Salomon me le dit depuis quelques années, il faut prier davantage, parler moins et laisser Dieu être Dieu. C'est exactement ce que Daniel a fait. Il n'a parlé à personne de sa condamnation à mort. Il est allé directement à Dieu et a laissé la chose entre ses mains. Ainsi, Daniel se rendit de plein gré dans la fosse aux lions après que le roi eut essayé de trouver des échappatoires juridiques pour faire que Daniel n'ait pas à faire face à la mort. Combien de fois Dieu aimerait faire un miracle pour nous si seulement nous allions à Lui avec nos problèmes et nos supplications et le laissons s'en occuper à sa manière. Qui sait, Dieu a peut-être besoin de me changer avant qu'Il puisse prendre mon problème et opérer le miracle.

Daniel avait confiance en Dieu. Tout simplement. Il n'est pas devenu critique et n'a pas fait en sorte que ses potes (terme français qui veut dire "ses bons amis") se dressent contre le roi. Il avait confiance que Dieu avait un plus grand plan et qu'il pouvait le sortir de là. Il a fait confiance à Dieu pour sa vie. Daniel a fait face à la mort dans la fosse aux lions et ne s'est pas plaint une seule fois. Combien d'entre nous se plaignent du fait que d'autres membres de l'église, ou le pasteur, ou nos jeunes, font des changements au service du culte à l'église, ou que le leadership change trop, ou que maintenant on leur demande de mettre plus d'emphasis sur le besoin de rejoindre les perdus? Vous pouvez prendre Daniel comme exemple, mais il y a un exemple plus parfait encore à qui nous devrions regarder en premier: Jésus sur la croix. Il ne s'est pas plaint de prendre nos péchés sur ses épaules. Il est allé volontiers à la croix et a fait passer la volonté de son Père avant la sienne. Les chrétiens de la fin des temps auront ce même caractère écrit sur leur front. Ce sera aussi notre caractère.

Regardons maintenant Apocalypse 14:12. C'est ici la patience des saints, ceux qui gardent les commandements de Dieu et ont la foi de Jésus. Il s'agit d'un groupe de personnes qui vivent patiemment leur vie en gardant les commandements de Dieu. C'est ainsi que Daniel vivait sa vie au quotidien. C'est un groupe qui a la même foi que Jésus avait dans le jardin et sur la Croix. Une foi qui dit: « Que Ta volonté soit faite. »

If you notice the difference between Daniel, Jesus and our church today, you will notice that Daniel and Jesus are fully in the hands of the Father and trust wholly in His will. If we would look at Daniel as an example of how God's last day people will be like when faced with challenges and even our lives, we would fall to our knees and pray a lot more.

I will now ask some more dangerous questions. What if someone in church disagrees with us or upsets our comfort zone? How do we respond? I might trigger some members by asking these questions. What if our church was divided over a particular issue? How will we handle or trust God's leading? Is it what we want or are we willing to let God have His way, which might mean giving up our way of wanting certain results and see that just maybe God might have other plans. Are we trusting enough that God can work out any issue and bless us if we go this direction or another direction? In one of our recent Sabbath school lessons we found out that God's people trusted God's leading even through drawing lots! What if you disagree with your pastor as he tries to get you out of your comfort zone to reach the lost and to work with other churches? Is our response like Daniel's? Or do we protest, get angry and verge into a hateful attitude and look for someone to criticize? I know I am stepping on some peoples' feet, but this is what we are dealing with in our conference today and I believe God is desperately trying to move us to be a people with His character written on our foreheads.

The reason why I am asking some hard questions is that we must have the right hearts and minds going into a year of evangelism. If we do not address some of these hard issues, then how can we reach the lost or retain them once baptized. How do we change our shrinking and aging churches to be a safe harbour for the lost? What type of spirit is coming out of our mouth and heart in our own lives and in our church life?

I will give you an example of a church that is moving towards what it looks like to manifest the character of God. I was recently speaking to a church group and spoke heart-to-heart for a few minutes before the sermon began. I spoke that many of our pastors are discouraged and living with a very high level of stress. I poured my heart out to them that we will lose them to other conferences that will pay them more and give them only one church. This church met after I left the church and talked of how to encourage their pastor. Three days later this pastor had notes and gifts of encouragement on his office desk. I have also noticed that this is a church that all the community knows because they are so active in their local small community.

Si vous remarquez la différence entre Daniel, Jésus et notre église aujourd'hui, vous verrez que Daniel et Jésus sont pleinement dans les mains du Père et ont entièrement confiance en Sa volonté. Si nous considérons Daniel comme un exemple de la façon dont les chrétiens à la fin des temps seront confrontés à des défis et même à nos vies, nous nous mettrions à genoux et prierions beaucoup plus.

Je vais maintenant poser quelques questions plus audacieuses. Et si quelqu'un à l'église n'est pas d'accord avec nous ou perturbe notre zone de confort? Comment réagissons-nous? Il se peut que je mette certains membres en furie en leur posant ces questions. Et si notre église était divisée sur une question particulière? Comment allons-nous gérer ou faire confiance à Dieu pour diriger les choses? Est-ce que nous exigeons que les choses soient comme nous voulons ou sommes-nous prêts à laisser Dieu faire selon ses voies, quand bien même cela pourrait signifier abandonner notre façon de vouloir certains résultats et voir que Dieu a peut-être d'autres plans. Avons-nous assez confiance pour que Dieu puisse résoudre n'importe quel problème et nous bénir alors que nous allons dans une direction ou dans une autre? Dans l'une de nos récentes leçons de l'école du sabbat, nous avons découvert que le peuple de Dieu faisait confiance en la direction de Dieu, même par le moyen de tirer au sort! Que faire si vous n'êtes pas d'accord avec votre pasteur quand il essaie de vous sortir de votre zone de confort pour atteindre les perdus et travailler avec d'autres églises? Est-ce que notre réponse est comme Daniel? Ou est-ce que nous protestons, nous nous fâchons, nous nous mettons en colère, nous adoptons une attitude haineuse et cherchons quelqu'un à critiquer? Je sais que je marche sur les pieds de certaines personnes, mais c'est ce à quoi nous avons affaire dans notre Fédération aujourd'hui et je crois que Dieu essaie désespérément de nous pousser à être un peuple avec Son caractère écrit sur notre front.

La raison pour laquelle je pose quelques questions difficiles est que nous devons avoir le bon cœur et le bon esprit pour entrer dans une année d'évangélisation. Si nous n'abordons pas certaines de ces questions difficiles, alors comment pouvons-nous atteindre les perdus ou les retenir une fois baptisés. Comment pouvons-nous changer nos églises qui rétrécissent et vieillissent pour en faire un havre de paix pour les perdus? Nos bouches et de nos cœurs témoignent de quel type d'esprit, que ce soit dans notre vie personnelle ou dans celle de notre église?

Je vais vous donner un exemple d'une église qui se dirige vers ce à quoi ça doit ressembler de manifester le caractère de Dieu. Je parlais récemment à un groupe/église et je leur ai parlé cœur à cœur pendant quelques minutes avant de débiter mon sermon. J'ai dit que beaucoup de nos pasteurs sont découragés et vivent avec un niveau de stress très élevé. Je leur ai versé mon cœur en disant que je craignais que nous les perdions un jour à d'autres fédérations qui les paieront plus et ne leur donneront qu'une seule église. Ce groupe/église s'est rencontrée après que j'ai quitté l'église et ont parlé de la façon d'encourager leur pasteur. Trois jours plus tard, ce pasteur avait des notes et des cadeaux d'encouragement sur son bureau. J'ai aussi remarqué que c'est une église que toute la communauté connaît parce qu'elle est très active dans sa petite communauté locale.



That means when God starts to shout the Third Angel's Message to the hearts of all people, those that have encountered church members from this particular church will want to be like this little group of faithful Seventh-day Adventists. Why, because they have seen God's character in the lives of the members and they will want that faith and patience that this group has during adversity.

As 2019 ends the year of "tilling the ground" and we move in to the year of evangelism for the Maritime Conference, what will your character show to the world? What will the corporate character of our church show to our immediate community? Will the community miss us if our church closed its doors? If you honestly answer no, then you are on the road to place this matter at the foot of the Cross. If you can honestly say yes, like the church I recently visited, then please continue to lift up Jesus in your community. God will use you as He used Daniel when His timing is right.

I would like to challenge all our members and churches, as we begin the New Year, let's spend the Sabbaths of January 4 and 11 as special days of corporate repentance and prayer, like the children of Israel did when they were seeking to be more like their Heavenly Father. What about having days of fasting and prayer between these two Sabbaths before we head into a year of evangelism? Let us put our critical spirits, our anger towards others, our own desires and "rightness" before the throne and let the blood of Jesus cleanse our personal hearts and corporate church hearts from all sin that will prevent us from reaching the lost. It is only when God's children start to manifest the character of God in their own lives that God will have a people in which He can use to finalize the Third Angel's Message. The Third Angel's Message might not be one that we preach, it might be one that we live... just like Daniel. ■

Paul Llewellyn, President  
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Cela signifie que lorsque Dieu commencera à faire entendre le cri du Message du Troisième Ange dans le cœur de tous les gens, ceux qui ont rencontré des membres de cette église particulière voudront être comme ce petit groupe de fidèles adventistes du septième jour. Pourquoi, parce qu'ils ont vu le caractère de Dieu dans la vie des membres et ils voudront cette foi et cette patience que ce groupe a dans l'adversité.

Alors que 2019 vient mettre un terme à l'année du « labour du sol » et que nous entrons dans l'année de l'évangélisation pour la Fédération des Maritimes, quel caractère montrerez-vous au monde? Quel caractère notre église montrera à la communauté qui l'entoure? Est-ce que nous manquerons à la communauté si notre église ferme ses portes? Si vous répondez honnêtement non, alors vous êtes sur le chemin pour apporter cette question au pied de la Croix. Si vous pouvez honnêtement dire oui, comme l'église que j'ai visitée récemment, alors continuez à élever Jésus dans votre communauté. Dieu vous utilisera comme Il a utilisé Daniel quand le temps sera propice.

Je voudrais lancer un défi à tous nos membres et à toutes nos églises afin que, alors que nous commençons la nouvelle année, nous puissions passer les sabbats des 4 et 11 janvier comme des jours spéciaux de repentance et de prière, comme les enfants d'Israël l'ont fait quand ils cherchaient à être plus comme leur Père céleste. Que diriez-vous d'avoir des jours de jeûne et de prière entre ces deux sabbats avant de débiter cette année d'évangélisation? Mettons notre esprit critique, notre colère envers les autres, nos propres désirs et notre « sentiment d'être droit » devant le trône et laissons le sang de Jésus purifier nos cœurs et les cœurs des églises de tout péché qui nous empêchera d'atteindre ceux qui sont perdus. Ce n'est que lorsque les enfants de Dieu commenceront à manifester le caractère de Dieu dans leur vie personnelle que Dieu aura un peuple qu'il pourra utiliser pour terminer le travail avec le message du Troisième Ange. Le Message du Troisième Ange n'est pas un que nous prêchons seulement, mais aussi un que nous vivons... tout comme Daniel. ■

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### **Campmeeting 2020—July 24 to August 1**

Campmeeting 2020 is still a ways off for most of us to be preparing for.

Right as we speak, much work is being done at Camp Pugwash to get our electrical, plumbing and water upgrades completed before the ground freezes. Just recently the Nova Scotia Health Department has come out with some very strict water policies and this has caused us to make sure that we are providing the high standard of drinking water as needed for our camp.

As the Maritime Conference office begins the preparation for our 2020 Campmeeting we would like to announce our speakers that have already confirmed. This Campmeeting we will be focusing on reaching the lost, since 2020 is our year of evangelism.

\*The first speaker for our mornings will be Ranko Stefanovic who will be showing us Jesus through the book of Revelation.

\*The 11 o'clock speaker will be Dr. Willie Hucks from Andrews University. Dr Hucks recently spent a week last summer teaching our own pastors on how to preach effective sermons. He will be presenting vibrant studies each day from the Word of God and he will be speaking at both 11 o'clock church services each Sabbath.

\*Mike Tucker from Faith For Today will be our evening speaker. He is heading into his retirement from Faith For Today and his wonderful wife, Pam Tucker, will be singing each evening before he begins. Mike Tucker will be sharing with us how to reach those in our communities. Pastor Tucker and his wife have recently planted an outreach church in the Dallas area and will be speaking on how all our churches can reach do the same.

**Please also note that our 2021 Campmeeting will be taking place on July 16 to 24.** Our dates will be changing to better accommodate our speakers and for many people who attend.

## Welcome to our new Pastors

### Sean Todd

We want to give a warm welcome to Pastor Sean Todd. Pastor Sean has recently moved to Nova Scotia from Lacombe, Alberta. Sean graduated from Burman University with a degree in Theology a year ago. His wife, Kalie (nee Etheridge), has stayed behind to finish her bachelor's degree in education at Burman University. She will graduate and move over to the Maritimes next April.

While waiting, Sean worked for an oilfield company based out of Ponoka. On the week-ends, he and his wife enjoyed volunteering with children's church in Lacombe.

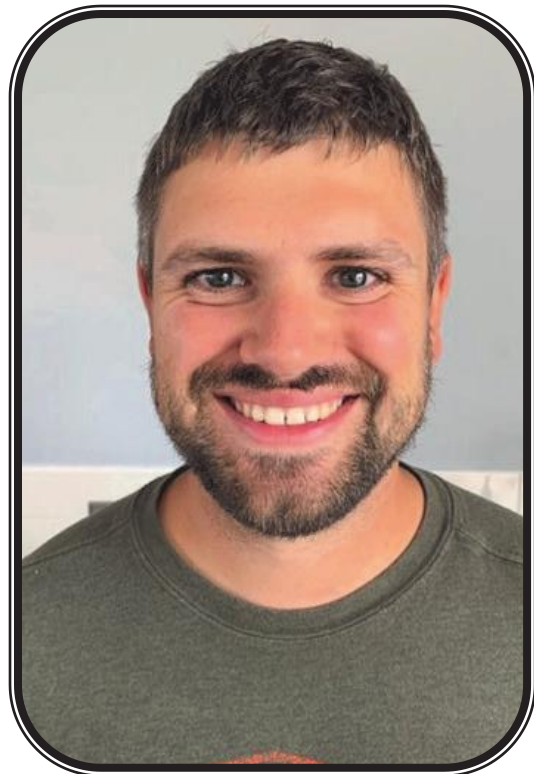
He joined our pastoral team mid-August, and is pastoring the Fox Point/Tantallon church district, as well as the chaplain for Sandy Lake Academy. We know that they are already a blessing to their churches and to SLA.



### Ryan Fraser

We welcome Pastor Ryan Fraser, his wife Emily and their two children into ministry here in the Maritime Conference.

Pastor Ryan is a homegrown pastor. A few years ago, Ryan knew that God was calling him and his family to pursue Pastoral Ministry. Ryan and his family picked up their established lives and business and moved to Oregon to attend ARISE (A Resources-Institute for Soul-winning and Evangelism). When he returned and was waiting patiently for God's timing and call, he worked as Director of Operations for the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank; while taking temporary responsibilities for our churches that were without a pastor. We can say that Ryan was indeed called by God to be a pastor. When an opening came available for the Bridgewater/Middleton/New Minas church district, Ryan and his family prayerfully said 'yes' to the opportunity to serve in his home province.



"If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." Matthew 18:20





## Secretariat Report

Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary

### ‘Safety in Our Church’

To all our Pastors, Principal, Church Elders, Safety Officers and Maritime Conference members:

We are honoured to be served by Adventist Risk Management (ARM) as they proudly state, ***Our Ministry is to Protect Your Ministry***. They insure us in the Maritime Conference—our churches, our school, our camp. If you’re wondering why we go with ARM compared to other insurance companies, I’ve included some of the ‘talking points’ in insurance and why we choose to entrust our safety and risk management to ARM. See pages 8 & 9.

We have a Risk Management Committee that meets twice a year for our Maritime Conference as we review initiatives that the Maritimes and ARM take seriously. Of these **2019 INITIATIVES**, I’d like to draw your attention to **ONLY TWO (2)** that we would like accomplished before Safety Sabbath 2020:

1. **Self-Inspections** - these are vitally important for our churches, school, and camp. A copy of *Winter Maintenance suggestions* can be found on pages 10 & 11. Everyone can benefit from reviewing the checklist for safety in your home too.

Check out the following links to have access to already made forms and responsibility descriptions:

Church Safety Resources <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/safety-resources/church>

Camp Safety <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/safety-resources/camp-safety>

School Safety <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/safety-resources/school-safety>

2. **Safety Sabbath** - **MARCH 28, 2020** is the upcoming Safety Sabbath! Please Register your church at: <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/safety-resources/safety-sabbath?searchedtext=Safety%20Sabbath>

#### GENERAL ARM RESOURCES:

This is the link to promote their only safety magazine to employees and local church leadership <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/safety-resources/solutions-newsletter>. Scroll all the way down the screen to register.

Link for their website <https://adventistrisk.org/en-ca/home>

As Paul, Ed and myself recently attended a Symposium by ARM, I’d like to share a quote sent via email by the President of ARM, Tim Northrop:

*Our discussion on accountability encourages me as we work together to reduce needless accidents and to improve risk management education and responsibility. As leaders, we may not always be on the front lines, but the teams we manage can always be assured that we value effective processes to keep our members safe. In fact, this professionalism is a focus point of the Adventist Risk Management team. We strive to be competent, exceptional and effective in all we do for you...our clients.*

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). ■



## When Local Churches Purchase Insurance Separately from the Conference

Local churches purchasing insurance separately from the Conference represents a real exposure for the Conference. Some of the key points to consider are:

1. **The Local Church is the Conference** – The local Church is not a separate legal entity. The *insurable interest* is with the conference as the conference owns the real estate and the Conference is the employer of any staff. For churches already purchasing insurance separately from the Conference program it is wise to review their current insurance policy regularly to be sure the insured is listed as the Conferences full legal name and address. The policy should also name the Union, Division, and General Conference (using the full legal names) as additional insured to protect the church against any ascending liability.
2. **Property Valuation Methods Make a Difference**  
**Actual Cash Value:** the cost to repair or replace the damaged property, minus depreciation.  
**Replacement:** the cost to replace the damaged property with materials of like kind and quality, without any deduction for depreciation.  
You want full value coverage on a replacement basis. ARM provides 125% of insured value (Most companies do not; in fact most companies have a coinsurance clause that penalizes the church for not valuing their property adequately).
3. **Property Exclusions and Co-Insurance can cost the Church**  
Be aware of exclusions. Most companies interpret policies to exclude coverage. ARM looks for coverage. Many Property Insurance Policies include a Co-Insurance penalty. Co-Insurance may reduce your recovery if you don't insure to high enough value. ARM does not have co-insurance, in fact if you go to point #2, we have the opposite concept built into our policy, as we provide 125% of the insured value (we do this because we understand that Conferences are spread out over large geographic areas and keeping updated accurate values on all property locations can be a logistical challenge).
4. **Local Church Action Creates Conference Liability** – going back to the idea of ascending liability the local church needs to appreciate that their actions can result in lawsuits against the Conference (as the conference is the lowest legal entity, it is not the local church that will be sued, it is the conference). It is their behavior and knowledge as employees and/or agents representing their local church for which the Conference will be liable. Some of the ways local entities can expose the Conference to liability are:
  - a. Selecting unsuitable volunteers
  - b. Failing to supervise volunteers
  - c. Lack of Maintenance and selection of vehicles
  - d. Hiring their own employees
  - e. Entering into contracts binding Conference
  - f. Renting property
  - g. Allowing use of church owned property for non-church related activities without proper safeguards
5. **Beware of Gaps in Insurance Coverage:** - NAD Working Policy has good information on what Church organizations should have in regards to insurance limits. These are not just guidelines as the repercussions can be felt all the way up the organizational hierarchy. The current carrier's policy should be reviewed to be sure that limits,





sub-limits, and aggregate limits meet Working Policy requirements. It is critical to review whether the policy is on an Occurrence versus Claims made form.

- **Occurrence forms** cover losses that happen during a given period of time (the policy term). The loss can be reported years later, but the key is when it happened.
- **A claims-made policy** covers claims made during a given period of time (policy term and back to a retroactive date). We believe this is the best coverage for the Church so that today's limits can respond to today's cases. Consider if you had a case of misconduct that occurred back in 1997 and the policy limits from that year's policy were to respond. You would have very little coverage.

Example:

Local Church has a claims-made policy with ARM for employment law including sexual molestation.

On January 1, 2012, they change insurers to one that offers limited occurrence coverage for sexual molestation. They do not buy tail coverage for past incidents.

On July 1, 2012, a claim is filed for a sexual molestation that allegedly took place on July 1, 2011 when they were covered with ARM.

ARM's claims made coverage does not apply since the claim was made after the coverage period ended. Since the occurrence happened before the new insurer's occurrence policy was in place, the new insurer will not pay the claim. The local church and conference will have no insurance coverage for the claim.

Many other insurance carriers use the occurrence form (nothing wrong with that) but should be watched carefully to be sure there are no gaps created in coverage as churches change carriers.

6. **Claims Handling** – beware of conference and local church insurers in adversarial roles and potential issues of subrogation rights.

Adventist Risk Management, Inc. is the risk management organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We support the ministries of the Church around the world with insurance and risk management programs. We insure over \$12 Billion in church assets around the world. With approximately 130 staff members ARM is comprised of insurance and risk management professionals dedicated to the mission of the Church. Our staff has achieved many of the highest designations in our industry and professional growth continues to be one of our top priorities.

Our goal is to serve Church organization's most effectively and we appreciate that ministry happens at the local church. Working with the conference it is our goal to provide education and training opportunities that will help local churches avoid costly losses and lawsuits. Today we use a 24/7 Claims Hotline (888) 951-4276 (option #2), and our claims examiners will be happy to provide guidance in the event of a loss. We use local third party adjustors to assess the damage in the event of a claim.

If you have questions about your policy please do not hesitate to contact your Account Executive.



## Seasonal Maintenance

*84 year-old Mary Cochrane walked out of Church on a bright Sabbath afternoon as she had done countless times in the past. She walked down the same aisle, same exit door, same stairs down the front of the Church, same railing that she used for many years. This time there was an unfortunate difference. On this week Mary lost her balance and because the railing leading down the stairs had not been secured, it had become progressively looser with every week of use. Some people may have noticed but the problem had been left uncared for week after week. When Mary leaned on the support to catch herself, the railing gave way, causing Mary to fall down 15 stairs putting her in bed for the rest of her life.*

A maintenance program is a great way of keeping track of when work needs to be done and at what time of year. We hope that this guide and the Seasonal Maintenance Forms will be helpful as you plan your maintenance and set aside a budget prioritizing the needs of your church. Some issues will be easy to solve, as they require little labor and/or tools. Other needs may cost a lot of money. You will need to bring these projects to the attention of the church board as they may require a loan or to raise money.

The Seasonal Maintenance Forms are organized by season and for each season you have major categories like Interior Maintenance, Equipment, and Roofing etc. As you go through a form you may check "No" in answer to a question, which will indicate that something needs to be completed. Some items will be very simple and you will be able to do them yourself and others may require professional help and may cost enough to require board approval and funds. We have built the forms so you can mark progress on these items as you acquire estimates, board approval, funding and to mark when the project is complete.

We hope this approach will be of value as you track the progress of these items and work with your church processes.

**"Go for yourself, with all your temporal and spiritual wants, to the Lord. Bring also the necessities of your friends and relatives to the Lord. Only make the trial, and you will perceive how able and willing He is to help you." George Müller**



## WINTER



## ■ BUILDING INTERIOR MAINTENANCE

**Are the walls and ceilings free of damage and faded paint?**☐ YES☐ NO☐ Estimate AcquiredTarget ☐ Board ApprovedAmount Funded Work Completed **Is the wood trim secure and free from peeling?**☐ YES☐ NO☐ Estimate AcquiredTarget ☐ Board ApprovedAmount Funded Work Completed **Are the handrails, doors, windows secured, recently painted or re-painted?**☐ YES☐ NO☐ Estimate AcquiredTarget ☐ Board ApprovedAmount Funded Work Completed **Are entryway floors free of exterior salt and sand?**☐ YES☐ NOWork Completed **Are all bulbs or light fixtures working?**☐ YES☐ NO☐ Estimate AcquiredTarget ☐ Board ApprovedAmount Funded Work Completed **Has the kitchen ventilation hood been cleaned?**☐ YES☐ NOWork Completed 

## ■ EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

**Are furnace air-filters clean and/or replaced monthly? (Air filters should be replaced monthly during December, January and February)**☐ YES☐ NOWork Completed **Are water levels in boilers checked and blown down weekly?**☐ YES☐ NOWork Completed **Has the air been bled from radiators?**☐ YES☐ NOWork Completed



### Treasury Report

Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

Since our last *Maritime Pulse* (September) the Kennebec Senior Housing building has been sold. It's 2019 Audit is scheduled for the week of December 9-11.

As of October 31, our tithe year-to-date is \$1,470,248, a slim .27% ahead of 2018.

The time of year associated with giving is upon us once again. There also seems to be an increase in miracles at this time of year, or so it appears to me.

Eva hurried from the University Student Center with light sprinkles of rain threatening to turn into a downpour. She prayed she could make it back to her apartment before the rain came so her feet wouldn't get soaked. She wished she could afford a pair of shoes to replace the ones with holes in the soles. She sent up a prayer of thanks as she stepped into her apartment, feet still dry.

Her roommate, Alicia, pointed to her shoes near the door and said, "Why don't you throw away those old shoes and get a new pair."

"I will when I get paid," Eva answered quietly.

"You can't afford a pair of shoes, but you give money to your church?" Alicia asked accusingly. "Don't you think God would understand if you spent some of that money on shoes? The church has more money than you do. They don't care that your shoes have holes

in them."

Eva didn't reply, but she had to admit to herself that sometimes she had been tempted to withhold her tithes and offerings—just until she could catch up on her bills. But she was determined not to take God's money to meet her needs, no matter what Alicia—or anyone else—said.

Eva's final semester of university was coming, and she would be doing her student teaching at a local high school. There was no way she could both work and teach that semester. How could she pay her tuition and fees in order to graduate? Eva turned to God with her dilemma, and He gave her peace and a promise to supply all her needs.

A few days before Eva's final semester began, she was summoned to the office of the university's financial assistance advisor. Eva nervously entered the man's office.

The advisor said "We've had a large number of students applying for the work-study program this year. More students have applied than we have funds to help." Eva's heart sank.

The advisor continued, "We've looked at your financial situation and your grades, and we'd like to ask you to give up your work-study benefits. In its place, we will give you a scholarship to complete your remaining semester."

Eva sucked in her breath. "I would get paid for *not* working?" she asked. The advisor nodded. She signed the papers as she whispered, "God has answered my prayer today!"

Adapted from *Steward - Motives of the Heart* pages 63-66 by John Matthews

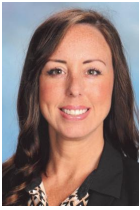
May each one of us experience a miracle this Christmas as we step out in faith, trusting in God, just like Eva did! ■

This comes at Christmastime to bring  
A special Christmas prayer  
That God will bless you day by day  
And keep you in His care,  
And at this special season  
And throughout the coming year,  
May He guard and guide you lovingly  
And keep you ever near.

Grace be to you, and peace from God our Father,  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2

"Should you [...]not at once obtain answers to your prayers, be not discouraged; but continue patiently, believingly, perseveringly to wait upon God..." George Müller





## Education

Teresa Ferreira, Superintendent

Thank you to SLA principal, Mr Stephen Kibbee, for putting together the news. ■

## News From Sandy Lake Academy



Stephen Kibbee, Principal

### “Saipan: Not So Far Away After All”

I recently had the opportunity to travel to the island of Saipan as part of an SDACC (Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada) delegation tasked with developing meaningful ministry partnerships between the island and our Union. A Google search returned the result that the distance between Halifax and Saipan is 7,911 miles/12,732 km. Though now a part of the NAD (North American Division) of the church, Saipan truly is on the other side of the world.

In spite of this large geographical separation, our team quickly realized that God’s education workers in Saipan are facing many of the same situations that we face here in the Maritimes. Budget



SDACC Saipan Delegates (left to right): Steve Kibbee, SLA Principal; Ronda Ziakris, AB Conference Education Superintendent; Paul Musafili, SDACC Treasurer; Betty Bayer, SDACC Director of Education; [Mark Bugbee, Saipan SDA School Principal]

constraints, disruptions in the program due to inclement weather, feelings of professional isolation, teacher fatigue, wonderfully committed volunteers, and a shrinking Adventist student population coupled to a growing community student population, are but a few of the commonalities that link our two fields together. Perhaps this should come as no surprise, as we serve the same God and war daily against the same enemy.

There is a well-known Bible promise that reads, “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Ph. 4:19). In so many ways, God has called us to be the agents by which the deep emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of His children are to be met. As the SDACC team debriefed, one common conviction that set in was the importance of affirming, assisting, and encouraging the educators at our sister Saipan Seventh-day Adventist School. One approach to doing this will be the coordination of the sending of “care packages” to the educators there, with the intention that the items therein will help the teachers professionally, remind them that they are valued and appreciated, and bring a smile to their face.

Given that our teachers are burdened with many of the same challenges and needs as those in Saipan, I am writing to encourage the saints of the Maritime Conference SDA Church to consider how they might reach out to affirm, assist, and bring joy to our teachers. I would like to suggest that you prayerfully consider how you might reach out to bless one of our hard-working teachers who have dedicated their lives not just to reaching the head of their students with academic

knowledge, but also with reaching the heart with a love and knowledge of Jesus. This could be done through a simple encouraging letter, a gift, or some other creative way. Please contact me at the school if you would like more information about this. Mailed items can be sent directly to SLA at the address provided below. In blessing others, you yourself will be blessed as the Bible promises "he who waters will himself be watered" (Prov. 11:25). Let us all seek to encourage one another as we walk the path to the holy city together.

To keep up to date with what is happening at SLA visit:

Website: [www.sandylakeacademy.ca](http://www.sandylakeacademy.ca)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy)

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To make a donation or to obtain program information, please visit our website or contact us as follows:

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Phone: 902-835-8548



"Every petition enters into the heart of God when we come believing." EGW, *That I May Know Him*, p. 230

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Christmas Concert**  
Sandy Lake Academy  
invites you to  
celebrate the birth of  
our Saviour at our  
**Annual  
Christmas Concert**  
on **Thursday,**  
**December 19,**  
at **7:00 pm.**

A free-will offering will be collected during the program.

#### Worthy Student Scholarship Fund

Christian education plays such a vital role in the character development of our children, preparing them for citizenship in Heaven. There are families who are struggling financially to provide their children with an education in a spiritual setting among Christian friends and teachers.

Let's all do our part to ensure that no student in the Maritimes is deprived of reaping these invaluable benefits.

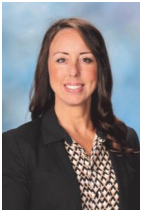
Please contribute on a monthly basis to the Worthy Student Scholarship Fund. Make an investment in a young person's life that will offer eternal dividends.

Please make your cheque payable to: Sandy Lake Academy and mail it to:

Treasurer, Sandy Lake Academy  
435 Hammonds Plains Road  
Bedford NS B4B 1Y2

Thank you. ■





## Camp Pugwash

Teresa Ferreira,  
Camp Ministries Director

### Camp Pugwash Faithful Supporters:

Another Camp Pugwash Season has come and gone. How has Pugwash served you this year? What have you contributed to our dear Camp? And what would YOU like to see happen at Camp Pugwash...what is God laying upon your heart for the needs or direction of our Camp? I invite you to have a conversation with me. Write to me, call me. I solicit hearing from the people of the Maritime Conference about your visionary desires for Camp Pugwash!

### ***A Few Things to NOTE this past year...***

- RAD Camps - the final week of Summer Camp we hosted Horsemanship and a mixed week of Art, Gymnastics, Music, and Waterfront AND Discipleship TREK Camp;
- Our theme for Summer Camp was, *Consumed* (a passion to be in relationship with Jesus);
- The development of a bonfire, amphitheater designated area between our Prayer Chapel and Boat Shed, overlooking the ocean.

### ***A Few Things to LOOK for next year...***

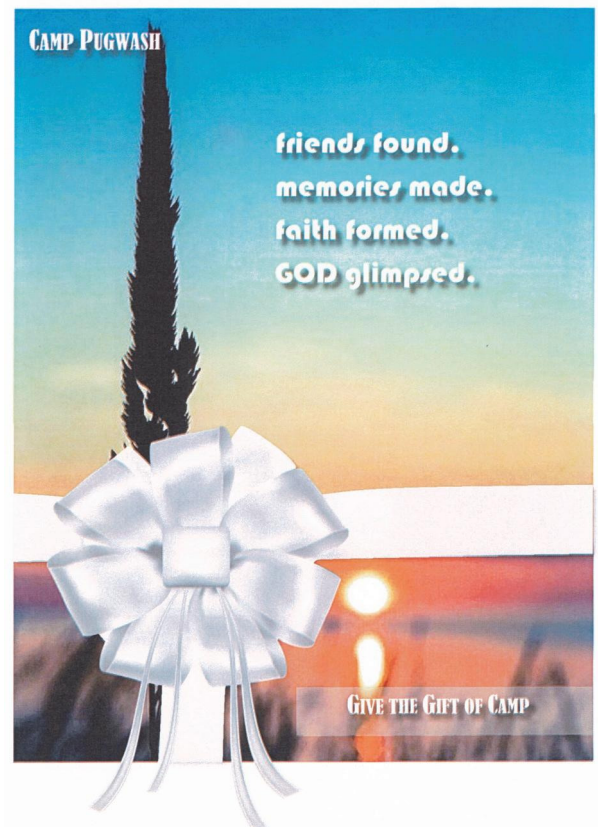
- RAD Camps - the final week of Summer Camps we will host Horsemanship, Art, Gymnastics, Music, Waterfront AND Discipleship TREK Camp; all following campmeeting starting August 2;
- Our theme for Summer Camp will be, *Be The Light*.
- Upgrade in Paradise (lot size/electrical/sewer/water)

Regardless of the initiatives in the future, Camp Pugwash remains as a hidden jewel, precious to our Conference and membership, and you are the most valued asset of our Camp - share about our Pugwash with your communities. Let them see the love of Jesus they will see by coming to our Camp through your words, actions and life! YOU are the best witness for our Camp!

And most importantly, continue your prayer support of the ministries that happen at our Camp, for the glory and honour of our God!

Contact Teresa Ferreira at 506.609.1386 / [teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com](mailto:teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com) OR  
Jullie Bannister at 506.857.8722 Ext 201 / [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com) to secure a child's experience at Camp Pugwash for this upcoming 2020 Summer OR if you'd just like to donate to the facility's growth. ■

"How vast are the possibilities of prayer!  
How wide is its reach! What great things  
are accomplished by this divinely appointed  
means of grace!" E.M. Bounds, *Possibilities of Prayer*



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# SUMMER 2020

## Camp Pugwash

LEADERSHIP WEEK JUNE 14 - 21  
ORIENTATION JUNE 21 - 28  
BLIND CAMP JUNE 28 - JULY 3  
JUNIOR CAMP JULY 5 - 12  
TEEN CAMP JULY 12 - 19

# BE THE LIGHT

CAMPMEETING PITCH JULY 19 - 24  
CAMPMEETING JULY 24 - AUGUST 2  
RAD CAMP AUGUST 2 - 9  
DiscipleTREK AUGUST 2 - 16

[www.camppugwash.com](http://www.camppugwash.com)



**French Ministries**

Guy Lacourse, Director

Earlier this year we were made aware of a project called Plant1000 that is sponsored by the General Conference (GC) and the North American Division (NAD) for assistance in planting new churches in the NAD territory. The Plant1000 initiative makes it possible for a Conference to receive some seed money to help pioneers to go and start (or continue to work on) a new church. The French Ministries Department got involved and registered for two church plants (Bouctouche and Bathurst) and later for another two (Dieppe and the Madawaska region-Edmundston), all in New Brunswick.

After a good six months of waiting (where the GC had put a hold on all new projects because they were waiting on the NAD to do some needed and overdue reporting), two of the projects have recently been approved: Bouctouche and Bathurst. This will make it possible to receive from each level of administration (GC, NAD, Canadian Union and our Maritime Conference) \$2500 each for a total of more that \$10,000 (because some of the money is in US currency), for each of the approved projects. Such money is to be used strictly for evangelism related activities and items (such as renting a place, sending publicity, purchasing a video projector, etc.). We still wait to receive the funds, but we know that it will be well used.

As an example, for the Bouctouche Company, we plan on purchasing some video camera equipment to make it possible to beam live (and upload on YouTube) our sermons and services. This will make it possible for other French-speaking communities and groups (be it Bathurst, the new efforts done in the Madawaska region or even Dieppe) to use our sermons and services live for their needs (as it can be difficult to find a preacher each week when you are a small group).

Plus tôt cette année, nous avons été mis au courant d'un projet appelé Plant1000 qui est parrainé par la Conférence Générale (GC) et la Division nord-américaine (NAD) pour aider à implanter de nouvelles églises sur le territoire de la NAD. L'initiative Plant1000 permet à une Fédération d'obtenir des fonds de démarrage pour aider les pionniers à démarrer une nouvelle église (ou à continuer à travailler au développement d'un groupe existant). Le service du ministère pour les francophones s'est impliqué et a procédé à l'inscription de deux projets d'implantation d'églises (Bouctouche et Bathurst) et plus tard à deux autres (Dieppe et la région de Madawaska-Edmundston), toutes au Nouveau-Brunswick.

Après six mois d'attente (pendant lesquels la GC n'approuvait aucun nouveaux projets parce qu'elle attendait que la NAD émette certains rapports en retard mais nécessaires), deux des projets ont finalement été approuvés: Bouctouche et Bathurst. Cela permettra d'obtenir de chaque niveau d'administration (GC, NAD, Union canadienne et notre Fédération) 2500 \$ chacun pour un total de plus de 10 000 \$ (parce qu'une partie de l'argent est en dollars américains), pour chacun des projets approuvés. Cet argent doit être utilisé strictement pour des activités et des biens liés à l'évangélisation (comme la location d'un lieu, l'envoi de publicité, l'achat d'un vidéoprojecteur, etc.) Nous devons encore recevoir l'argent, mais nous savons qu'il sera utilisé à bon escient.

À titre d'exemple, pour la *Company* de Bouctouche, nous prévoyons l'achat d'équipement de caméra vidéo pour permettre la diffusion en direct (et le téléchargement sur YouTube) de nos sermons et services. Cela permettra à d'autres communautés et groupes francophones (que ce soit Bathurst, les nouveaux efforts faits dans la région du Madawaska ou même Dieppe) d'utiliser nos sermons et services en direct pour leurs besoins (car il peut être difficile de trouver un prédicateur chaque semaine quand on est un petit groupe).

We are still waiting to know if Dieppe and Madawaska will be approved, but we are confident that they will be soon.

Plant1000 is an initiative/project piloted by the ministry called Global Mission at the GC level. In order for our Conference to tap into the resources and approve projects, pastor Guy Lacourse was made responsible for acting as Global Mission Manager for our Conference. If you have projects where you would like to start a new church/group in your territory and would like to apply for Plant1000 funding, please get in touch first with the Conference Executive Committee (the President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer) for them to start the ball rolling. Plant1000 will one day run out of funds, so don't delay too much!

As you can see, the French Ministries is doing all it can to develop the French speaking side of the church in the Maritimes. It takes time and dedicated people who want to serve the Lord and do their best to "Tell the world." We have a mission to accomplish and by the grace of God "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the [*ethnos* - nations - people groups], and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). ■

Nous attendons toujours de savoir si Dieppe et Madawaska seront approuvés, mais nous sommes confiants qu'ils le seront bientôt.

Plant1000 est une initiative/projet piloté par le ministère appelé Global Mission au niveau de la GC. Afin que notre Fédération puisse puiser dans les ressources et approuver les projets, le pasteur Guy Lacourse a été chargé d'agir en tant que Manager Global Mission pour notre Fédération. Si vous avez des projets pour lesquels vous aimeriez démarrer une nouvelle église ou un nouveau groupe dans votre territoire et que vous aimeriez faire une demande pour Plant1000, veuillez d'abord communiquer avec le Comité exécutif de la Fédération (le président, la secrétaire exécutif, le trésorier) pour qu'il puisse commencer le processus. Plant1000 sera un jour à court de fonds, alors ne tardez pas trop!

Comme vous pouvez le constater, ministère pour les francophones fait tout son possible pour développer le côté francophone de l'Église dans les Maritimes. Il faut du temps et des gens dévoués qui veulent servir le Seigneur et faire de leur mieux pour « Dire au monde. » Nous avons une mission à accomplir et par la grâce de Dieu "cet évangile du royaume sera prêché dans le monde entier comme un témoignage à tous les [ethnies - nations - peuples], et alors viendra la fin" (Matthieu 24:14). ■

### 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).



When the enemy comes in like a flood,  
The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard  
against him. Isa. 59:19

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GOD  
ROCK  
SAVIOR  
MESSIAH  
IMMANUEL  
HOLY • CHILD  
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## Health Ministries

Stephanie Schwarz, Director

### 50 Days of Praying Against Criticism

I read an article the other day entitled, “Global Christian persecution is worsening while American churches slumber.” Persecution may be just what the church in North America needs. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” (Matthew 5:11). While the persecuted in other countries are pressing together, uniting by the Spirit of God, risking their lives just to unite together in prayer and praise of our Savior, meeting undercover in crowded, unventilated rooms, and growing by the thousands daily, the “saved” in NA are arguing about curtains in the church, the size of the pulpit, fighting not to unite, devising and planning for division, and to make sure they keep their buildings open, sinking thousands of dollars into the upkeep of their buildings while not one convert has been added to their numbers in years, making sure their churches aren’t too crowded lest it makes them a little uncomfortable... and the list goes on. “As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down” (Mark 13:1, 2).

I am praying that personal plans, agendas, and struggles for power to be laid in the dust, and for a people to ask; show me your ways O God, not my will but your will be done. The church is dying and sleeping in NA, while many will go to their graves fighting for a cause God has never called us to. As we read Matthew 25, God will not say to us, “Did you keep the church building open, did you make sure everyone lived up to your standards, did you separate yourself from your brothers and sisters and stay tucked away in your own little building in the country, did you make my church more of a country club for your friends than a shelter for the sick?” NO, he will ask us what did you do with my sheep. Did you feed the hungry and cloth the naked, visit the sick, weak and unloved of society, did people know you were Christians by how you treated and loved each other, did you leave your gift at the altar and confess and reconcile with your brother before you profess to be close to me, did you love others as I have loved you? When we are more worried about our buildings and our man-made traditions then winning souls for Jesus—maybe just maybe we have lost our first love and Satan has blinded us to fight for his cause of a self-serving, all about me and my church kingdom. God help us!

And yet through these selfish churches and hard hearted people, including leaders as myself, in NA and in my district, and the Maritime Conference, God wants to pour out His love on a people to bring unity by the Holy Spirit so that when it happens it

may be totally for His glory and not man’s. It will not be by what these hands have done, not what your hands have done, or what our stubborn, gossiping, complaining, strong willed, “dig our heels in” selves have done, but what He has done! I’m praising God that He is so Good! And even through sinful, rebellious, broken people like us, His name will be glorified! Be willing to be made willing. I am so thankful for Jesus, who helps me realize everyday my need of Him, and to love others like He does! Be encouraged friends, as the Spirit of God works to unite His people and bring others to Himself, Satan will be working to steal, kill and bring division to destroy. But our God is greater, and we cling to His promises.

Several weeks ago, as I was praying for God’s clear guidance for our Conference, he led me to this vision given to Ellen White, and this is what was given: “In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard someone say: “We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.” Others, with agonized voices, said: “You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.” On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken (9T 28.1) In great distress I awoke. I went to sleep again, and I seemed to be in a large gathering. One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God’s vineyard, which must be cultivated. As light from heaven shone upon anyone, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled (9T 28.2). The words were repeated: “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden underfoot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:13-16; 9T 28.3).

I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God’s word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world (9T 28.4). Then this map was removed and another put in its place. On it light was shining from a few places only. The rest of the world was in darkness, with only a glimmer of light here and there. Our Instructor said: “This darkness is the result of men’s following their own course. They have cherished hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil. **They have made questioning and faultfinding and accusing the chief business of their lives.** Their hearts are not right with God.

They have hidden their light under a bushel” (9T 29.1). If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us” (9T 29.2).

This is the state of our churches in the Maritimes and North America. While there should be places of light from every city and village, and town, an Adventist presence, a group of believers meeting in various places all over, instead there are only a few places that have kept the light to themselves, while the rest of the world sits in darkness. Those that have been called to spread the light have followed a course of their own, and taken up the mission of making “questioning and faultfinding and accusing the chief business of their lives. Their hearts are not right with God.” While much has been invested in keeping the buildings of these lights open, the cause of God has suffered great loss.

The vision goes on. “Putting our trust in God, we are to move steadily forward, doing His work with unselfishness, in humble dependence upon Him, committing ourselves and our present and future to His wise providence, holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end, remembering that it is not because of our worthiness that we receive the blessings of heaven, but because of the worthiness of Christ, and our acceptance, through faith in Him, of God’s abounding grace (9T 29.3).

But God always has His people and groups of people that are willing follow Him wherever He goes. There has been a church in our Conference that has exhibited this humble dependence on Him. The Woodside company was facing the reality that they may have to close their doors, and unite with the Dartmouth church. With numbers down to a minimum, and not the budget to sustain keeping their building, they were faced with the reality of their situation. While they could have chosen to have a rebellious spirit, devising their own way and plan to keep the building doors open, instead they choose to say, “Lord show us your way. We are willing to unite with our sister church or stay where we are, but either way we choose to have an open and willing heart to hear your leading.” They devoted themselves to prayer and fasting together to be led by God’s will. It was not the Pastor that led this, but the people of God, seeking out His will for them. And God heard their prayers and responded! He brought many people to their church, growing them through the power of prayer and a willing heart. Speak with the Pastor, speak with the people and see how God received all the glory for what he did with this special company of God’s people meeting together.

Continuing on in the Testimonies Volume 9, “The light that God has given His people is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ is in the light will cooperate with the Saviour by revealing to others what He has revealed to them. It is God’s purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred and nation and tongue and people. In the world today men and women are absorbed in the search for worldly gain and worldly pleasure. There are thousands upon thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul. The time has come when the message of Christ’s soon coming is to sound throughout the world (9T 24). And how is this message to be given, “The last message of mercy to be given to the world is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them”—(*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 415, 416 (1900).

Just this year we experienced this humble attitude of one of God’s servants in our own district as well. The late Ruth Rayburn-Arsenault, whom many of you know passed away several months ago. Her presence is missed among her church family, however she left behind an “attitude of gratitude” and encouragement that will be remembered for years to come. I will share her story in just a bit.

There has been a misunderstanding, among some of our people that Ellen White says to build churches in the country, but many have not researched this for themselves. We are actually instructed that, “Lay Members Will Move to Cities to Conduct Evangelistic Work.—Close around us are cities and towns in which no efforts are made to save souls. Why should not families who know the present truth settle in these cities and villages, to set up there the standard of Christ, working in humility, not in their own way, but in God’s way, to bring the light before those who have no knowledge of it? ... There will be laymen who will move into towns and cities, and into apparently out-of-the-way places, that they may let the light which God has given them shine forth to others. Some whom they meet will not appear to be the most promising subjects, but the only question should be, Will they come into harmony with Christ? Will they become partakers of His spirit, so that their influence, in precept and example, will present the attractions of the Author of truth and righteousness?”—(*The Review and Herald*, September 29, 1891 (Christian Service, 180). MTC 113.1).

Are we focused on making disciples that show the attractiveness of Christ, or those that will just look, act, dress, and talk like us, while inside their hearts are as vile as ours. Here are a few more quotes, “Churches to Be Established in Cities.—In every city where the truth is proclaimed, churches are to be raised up. In some large cities there must be churches



in various parts of the city. In some places, meeting-houses will be offered for sale at reasonable rates, which can be purchased advantageously.—(Letter 168, 1909; *Medical Ministry*, 309). (For additional information, see chapter 10, “Planting Churches in the Cities”; MTC 114.1). “CITY MISSIONS —Every City Should Have a City Mission.—Although a few places have been entered, many centers should be established where there would be employed hundreds of workers. In every city there should be a city mission that would be a training school for workers. Many of our brethren must stand condemned in the sight of God because they have not done the very work that God would have them do”—(Letter 56, 1910; portion in *Medical Ministry*, 303; MTC 114.2). “Samaritan Work to Serve Those Whom Society Ignores.—Nothing will or ever can give character to the work in the presentation of truth as that of helping the people just where they are, as this Samaritan work. A work properly conducted to save poor sinners that have been passed by the churches will be the entering wedge where the truth will find standing room. A different order of things needs to be established among us as a people, and in doing this class of work there would be created an entirely different atmosphere surrounding the soul of the workers, for the Holy Spirit communicates to all those who are doing God’s service, and those who are worked by the Holy Spirit will be a power for good in lifting up, strengthening, and saving the souls that are ready to perish”—(*Manuscript* 14a, 1897; *Evangelism*, 567, 568; MTC 114.3). City Mission Will Increase Other Calls for Help.—We have a large territory to work in our cities. When a mission is established in a city, calls for laborers will come from the surrounding country. According to the light given me, during the last thirty years not a thousandth part has been done of what ought to have been done. Plans for aggressive work should have been set in operation”—(Letter 176, 1901; MTC 115.1).

We have had a great work begun in our district in the Saint John area. There has been a restart for the church, and what we have called a “Newstart,” and every week since we have started this past February God has brought new people, and families to the church. Each service starts with a time of “Praise and Prayer.” A few months ago a man came in off the street that was looking for a place to go to the bathroom, and he said because those that greeted him were so friendly he stayed and talked to us for quite a while! He just moved here from Hong Kong and his daughter is attending UNB. He was contacted by one of our greeters that week and he said he will be coming back! Of course, with any work God lays out for us to do there are

discouragements and distractions; that is how Satan works.

As we were going through many discouragements while the restart at the Saint John church was hap-pening, we were listening to *Patriarchs and Prophets* audiobook, and God led us right to chapter 45, as the temple at Jerusalem was being rebuilt. (See the book of Ezra.) This is an excerpt from the chapter, “The house that was about to be rebuilt had been the subject of many prophecies concerning the favor that God desired to show Zion, and all who were present at the laying of the cornerstone should have entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Yet mingled with the music and the shouts of praise that were heard on that glad day, was a discordant note. “Many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice” (Verse 12; PK 563.2). It was natural that sadness should fill the hearts of these aged men, as they thought of the results of long-continued impenitence. Had they and their generation obeyed God, and carried out His purpose for Israel, the temple built by Solomon would not have been destroyed and the captivity would not have been necessary. But because of ingratitude and disloyalty they had been scattered among the heathen (PK 564.1). Conditions were now changed. In tender mercy the Lord had again visited His people and allowed them to return to their own land. Sadness because of the mistakes of the past should have given way to feelings of great joy. God had moved upon the heart of Cyrus to aid them in rebuilding the temple, and this should have called forth expressions of profound gratitude. But some failed of discerning God’s opening providences. **Instead of rejoicing, they cherished thoughts of discontent and discouragement.** They had seen the glory of Solomon’s temple, and they lamented because of the inferiority of the building now to be erected (PK 564.2). The murmuring and complaining, and the unfavourable comparisons made, had a depressing influence on the minds of many and weakened the hands of the builders. The workmen were led to question whether they should proceed with the erection of a building that at the beginning was so freely criticized and was the cause of so much lamentation (PK 564.3). There were many in the congregation, however, whose larger faith and broader vision did not lead them to view this lesser glory with such dissatisfaction. “Many shouted aloud for joy: so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off” (Verses 12, 13; PK 564.4). Could those who failed to rejoice at the laying of the foundation stone of the temple **have foreseen the results of their lack of faith on that day, they would have been appalled. Little did they realize the weight of their words of disapproval and disappointment; little did they know how much their expressed dissatisfaction would delay the completion of the Lord’s house** (PK 565.1). The magnificence of the first temple, and the imposing rites of its religious services, had been a source of pride to Israel

before their captivity; but their worship had oft-times been lacking in those qualities which God regards as most essential. The glory of the first temple, the splendor of its service, could not recommend them to God; for that which is alone of value in His sight, they did not offer. They did not bring Him the sacrifice of a humble and contrite spirit (PK 565.2). It is when the vital principles of the kingdom of God are lost sight of, that ceremonies become multitudinous and extravagant. It is when the character building is neglected, when the adornment of the soul is lacking, when the simplicity of godliness is despised, that pride and love of display demand magnificent church edifices, splendid adorning, and imposing ceremonials. But in all this God is not honored. He values His church, not for its external advantages, but for the sincere piety which distinguishes it from the world. He estimates it according to the growth of its members in the knowledge of Christ, according to their progress in spiritual experience. He looks for the principles of love and goodness. Not all the beauty of art can bear comparison with the beauty of temper and character to be revealed in those who are Christ's representatives" (PK 565).

We could relate to this exact story in Israel's history! God gave us encouragement to keep going. And it is amidst this that Ruth's story takes place. When we restarted the Saint John church, some of our elderly members left to go to church in the morning, not from bitterness or anger, but because the morning worked better for them. But Ruth, not Ruth, she stayed. If any of you knew Ruth, she can be determined as an ox, and so very passionate. She was never lacking for something to say. What would Ruth, who was in her 80s, what would she say, how would she handle these few changes in her church? Before our restart in February, Ruth had just finished reading a book put together, mostly of Ellen White quotes, by Leif Koester, former member of the Board of Directors for our Conference. This little book is called, "50 Days of Praying Against Criticism." Ruth had just read this book, and she was determined not to say anything critical! She had already been doing this for a few weeks, and it was so wonderful she said,

to think on what is good, and lovely, and on the praises of God, that she was determined, through our transitions at the church, to not say anything critical, negative or hurtful. This act by Ruth, her surrender to what God had put on her heart, was more of a blessing than she will ever know, until we meet her again in heaven. Now this didn't mean that Ruth didn't ever say anything, she had some input, and ideas that she would share, but it was always done to those who it involved directly, and always done in an uplifting, encouraging way. Ruth was definitely her own person, and in her last months of life, months that she herself did not know would be her last, she was a light shining in a dark place, a beacon set on a hill, a last ray of God's love to be given to a dying world. And I am so thankful she was willing to be made willing, and surrender her heart, her mind, and her words to God.

We had another little elderly lady from one of our other sister churches come to visit SJ church shortly after we had restarted, that gave us such encouragement. She came to church, and she said, Pastor, I had heard so many things about what was happening here, I just had to come see for myself. What a great concept to see for ourselves, not to take the word of others, but to taste and see for ourselves. And after church that day, as she was leaving she said, Pastor, none of those things that people were saying was true, I see nothing wrong here, and I was so blessed today.

We have been encouraged to keep looking to Jesus! He gives His people just what they need right when they need it. He is the Author and finisher of our faith, and the head of His church. We are excited to see what God will do for our churches, our Conference, and for every soul as the whole world is lighted with the glory of God. The revelation of His character of love as seen through His people. May we devote ourselves as the Woodside company, Ruth Rayburn-Arsenault, and many others, to

humbly seek God's will and way for our lives and our churches. May we be distinguished from the world how Ellen White says we should be distinguished, "We are to be distinguished from the world because God has placed His seal upon us, because He manifests in us His own character of love" (MH 37).

May the world truly know we are Christians by our love for each other. May we rest in knowing that His name will be glorified, and the whole world will be lighted with His Glory! ■



Ruth and David Rayburn-Arsenault





**Pathfinder/Adventurer Ministries**  
Brenda Henry, Director

### A Brief Pathfinder History

With 2020 just around the corner, Pathfinders all around the world will be celebrating Pathfinders 70th Anniversary.

The first "Youth Society" was started in 1879 by two teenagers in Hazelton, Michigan. It was the intent of Luther Warren and Harry Fenner to find a way for young people to aid in missionary efforts.

From 1891 to 1907 several churches and schools experienced successfully with youth societies. In 1907 official church action was taken recognizing the efforts and the "Young People's Department" was established at the General Conference.

From 1920-1922 the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society (JMV) and the JMV classes were formed. These included Friend, Companion, Comrade and Master Comrade. The first 16 vocational merits (now known as honors) made their debut in 1928. A year later 19 more were added. Today there are over 200 honors.

While the name Pathfinders was used as early

as 1929 for various clubs, the first conference sponsored club bearing the name was in 1946. The Pathfinder flag was designed in 1948 by Henry Bergh. He also wrote the Pathfinder Song in 1952.

It was in 1950, that the General Conference accepted the Pathfinder club concept and organization for world-wide use.

Today's Pathfinders offer a wide range of activities including, but not limited to, camping, leadership training, activities promoting community pride, involvement through outreach activities and a variety of recreation, vocational, artistic, nature, conservative, and outreach in honors.

Our goals are to help Pathfinders to understand that the church loves, cares and appreciates them. To show Pathfinders that God loves them and has plans for their lives.

We want to develop the Pathfinders appreciation for nature, the environment, their community and people around the world. We want to develop leadership in them and a balanced physical, mental, social and spiritual life.

**SPRING CAMPOREE: Set for May 22-24, 2020 at Camp Pugwash. Watch for details.**



### Club News

**Halifax Pathfinders and Adventurers:** The Halifax Citadel Pathfinder and Adventure Club started in January 2018. On November 23, 2019, the Halifax church held its first Pathfinder

Induction Service in over 30 years! The service was a beautiful one where the pathfinders made their commitments in obeying the pathfinder law and pledge. The message for this service, **Feed My Lambs**, was presented by Master Guide Denise Moretto. Thanks to the great team of leaders for their hard work and

dedication—Director Cynthia Lewis, Deputy Director Donald MacLaughlin, Instructors, Dave Hunt, Joy Bethel, Tracey Kyei, Claudia MacLaughlin, Puii Rajan, Dave Wilson and Sara MacLean.



**St George Pathfinders:** Bay of Fundy Flyers—Our club meetings started the end of September. We have been working on the Cooking, Serving Community and Knots honors. We are also filling “change boxes” for ADRA and learning the New Testament books of the Bible.

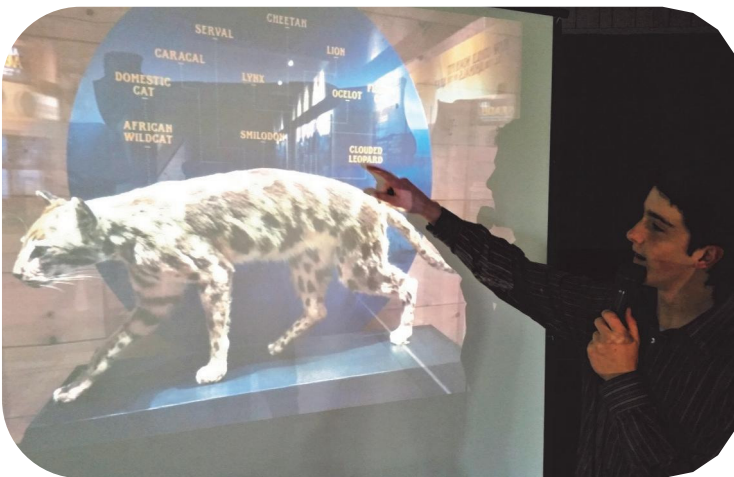
On December 14, we will be taking part in the St. George church Christmas Concert. We will be doing a short skit called *Christmas, The Best Gift Ever*.

Our members are currently fundraising to help them attend the 2021 Eastern Canada Pathfinder Camporee. The last meeting of 2019 takes place on December 9 with a Christmas party, making ornaments and building gingerbread houses.

We will start up with meetings again on January 6, 2020.

**Yarmouth Pathfinders:** On the way home from the International Pathfinder Camporee, we attended the Ark Encounter—a life sized Noah’s Ark in Kentucky, USA. It was thrilling and educational to be challenged to see how the Ark could have done exactly what the Bible says: saved eight people and every kind of animal for a year.

The Ark Encounter helps people understand the ark and gives answers to skeptics. It defines the dimensions, explains what an animal “kind” means, what the animals (and dinosaurs) could have looked like back in Noah’s day, how Noah and his family could have stored food for all the animals, gives possible solutions for fresh water and waste disposal systems, as well as dry food and live food feeding systems, lighting, and much more. It also dealt with evidence of the flood in the geological record, and the ice age.



Upon returning home, our Pathfinders: Nathan, Rebekah, and Andrew Hamilton—all participated in presenting “The Ark” to the Oak Park, Yarmouth, and Digby congregations for the Sabbath church service.

“I have never failed because I have cast myself upon the Lord. I have not hesitated to challenge our church with large ideas of what we might do for God, and we have accomplished all that we purposed.” Charles Spurgeon, *Prayer in the Life of the Believer*





**Prayer Ministries**  
Erna McCann, Leader

**“...secret prayer ... is the life of the soul.”**

“Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?”

“Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God...” (CSA 27)

### **Prayer Opportunities in the New Year:**

#### **January 8-18, 2020—10 Days of Prayer- Seeking God’s Spirit**

The Ten Days of Prayer initiative (formerly called Operation Global Rain) was adopted by the world church in 2010. Churches in over a hundred countries have received rich blessings through Ten Days of Prayer which occurs every January. What a great springboard to launch us into the new year 2020. All churches/members are encouraged to participate in some way.

Check it out at: <http://www.tendaysofprayer.org>

This will be the focus of our evening prayer call on ZOOM at 9 pm on those ten days.

All are invited to join in.

## **10 DAYS OF PRAYER**

### **SEEKING GOD’S SPIRIT**

**DAY 1**  
Our Need of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 2**  
The Witness of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 3**  
Victory through the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 4**  
The Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 5**  
The Fruit of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 6**  
The Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 7**  
Praying in the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 8**  
Submission to the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 9**  
The Work of the Holy Spirit  
**DAY 10**  
Abiding in the Holy Spirit  
**SABBATH CELEBRATION**  
Seeking God’s Spirit

JANUARY 8-18, 2020  
[WWW.TENDAYSOFPRAAYER.ORG](http://WWW.TENDAYSOFPRAAYER.ORG)



### **Save the date for PrayerShop 2020: May 1-3**

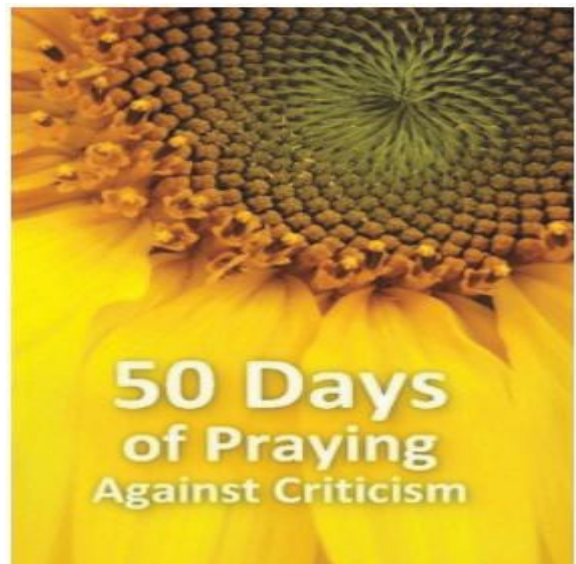
Be sure to reserve the first weekend in May 2020 for our Third Annual PrayerShop to be held at Pugwash Camp. Don't miss it...it gets better every year!

### **50 Weeks of Praying Against Criticism**

Starting February 1st, 2020, is a Maritime Conference-wide mission toward unity. We’re taking the book *50 Days of Praying Against Criticism* and using a page/day each week to focus on together.

By committing to pray daily for ourselves and our churches, we believe God will deliver us from the spirit of criticism and fill us with His sweet Spirit, changing the atmosphere of our souls, homes, churches, and perhaps even our communities!

Order the books at: <http://www.lulu.com/ca/en/shop/leif-koester/50-days-of-praying-against-criticism/paperback/product-24032379.html>, or find the printable PDF at: <https://www.maritimesda.com/ministries/prayer-ministry>



#### **Testimony by Malcolm Baxter**

Evil forces are constantly working. We must fortify our minds against them. I found the book, “50 Days of Praying Against Criticism,” really made me more aware of my manner of speaking. “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may

minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29 KJV).

The above text sets the tone for this book. "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor" (brother/sister) "for his/her good to build him/her up" (Romans 15:1, 2 ESV). When we lift up, we go up, too. If we press down, we will go down.

My prayer, brothers and sisters, is: "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:31-32 NKJV).

"50 Days pf Praying Against Criticism" should be read prayerfully. It will fortify your mind with truths to defend against evil forces that are battling for your mind. Evil forces are trying to tear us apart from the inside. This book has made me more aware of my attitude towards others. Attitude is a choice. This book prayerfully read, will help you make better choices. "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35 NKJV). ■

### Zoom...

Opportunities to pray with others daily, are abundant!

We would love to have you join us:

Daily, 5-6 am, or 9 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/150256885>

You can call in by phone: 1.647.558.0588 and use Meeting ID: 150256885

### French Prayer Time...

Wednesday, 7 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/5036448057>

Or call in by phone: 1.647.644.8057, and use Meeting ID: 5036448057

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## Youth Ministries

Ricky Schwarz, Leader

Ellen White once wrote, “**We have** an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. **We want** our children to believe the truth. **We want** them to be blessed of God. **We want** them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honouring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor” (CET 205.1).

The Maritime Conference Youth Department, at this time, wants to echo Mrs. White’s statement. Heading into 2020 we do have an army of youth in the Maritimes. Though it may appear to be small and feeble at times. If properly directed, encouraged, and equipped like Gideon’s little army of old; we believe that with God’s help, our little army of youth will do GREAT things for the growth of the Kingdom of God in the Maritime Conference, and the world. We truly desire that our youth not only have an intellectual understanding of the Bible, but that they come to know and believe in the Truth. We desire all our youth to be blessed of God, and to act their part in laying out well-organized plans for being a blessing to all they come in contact with on a daily basis. Our youth are not just the future of the church, but they are very much our present reality. Therefore it is our desire in 2020 to begin a process in which we can better encourage, direct, and train the youth in this conference for active service for their Saviour.

In seeking to do this our first goal in 2020 is to put together a “Youth Leadership Team” from all across the Maritime Conference. Therefore we are wanting to get connected with the youth and Pathfinder leaders of our conference. In doing this, it is our hope to better communicate, plan, and organize effective youth-focused ministry. We desire to work together as a team so that we can better meet the growing needs of our youth and young

adults. Currently our leadership team is made up of only three people—Pastors Ricky Schwarz, Zlatan Ljuljdjurovic, and Sean Todd, but we are wanting to add to this team. Therefore, if you are interested in being part of the youth team, and are passionate about youth ministry or are a youth leader at your church, please email Pastor Ricky Schwarz at [ricky.schwarz@maritimesda.com](mailto:ricky.schwarz@maritimesda.com).

Our next goal is to have one Conference youth event each quarter and we encourage all pastors and youth leaders to do all you can to help your church’s youth attend these events. The main purpose for these events is to help practically, encourage and empower our youth to really live for God in 2020.

The dates and locations for these events are as follows:

**March 27-28** at the Moncton SDA Church

**May 29-31**, Camp Pugwash

**July 24-Aug 1**, Camp Pugwash

The fourth event has yet to be scheduled, but we are planning on a time in October, in or around the Halifax area. So please plan on attending these youth events!

(More info to come)

Finally, we are hoping to start a weekly youth/young adult Bible study community that meets via Zoom. In Zoom we are given the advantage of bringing youth from all over the Conference via the internet. This will enable us to create a type of youth group community in which our youth can connect with each other, plan future ministry, discuss important issues they are facing, and encourage each other to keep seeking to live for God. It is our hope with this that our youth will not only grow closer to each other but also with their God.

Please continue to pray for the leadership and the youth of the Maritime Conference as we work together in 2020 to direct, encourage, and equip our youth to be a mighty blessing in the Maritimes.

## News from our Churches:

### DARTMOUTH

#### *Lucas Jurek Series*

The three-part series *Revived, Transformed and Compelled by Love* was presented by Lucas Jurek of Holy Spirit Ministries in the Dartmouth church in October 2019. The sessions were full of great advice and all who attended were blessed.



Pictured above: Lucas Jurek, Jascinth Butterfield and John Spiers.

#### *Contagious Adventists*

The Dartmouth church recently held a series called "Contagious Adventists," by Pastor Gary Belhomme from November 22nd to December 6th. The series focused on teaching Adventists how to reach people wherever they are on their journey, with love and understanding.

"Whatever things you ask, when you pray, believe that you have received them, and you will have them."  
Mark 11:24

#### *Operation Christmas Child*

For the second year in a row, Dartmouth church participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive. Dartmouth members, as well as some Halifax members, came together for two evenings to fill shoeboxes for needy children. Our younger people truly got into the spirit of giving and many even made cards and letters to add to the children's boxes. Christmas hymns, hot apple cider and Christmas cookies were served; it was a wonderful time of fellowship. We filled 131 boxes and Woodside company contributed more as well. Please pray that these boxes will impact the lives of the children who receive them and help them to come to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. (Shoe Box group pictured below)



#### *Men's Breakfast*

This year the annual Men's Breakfast was held at the Dartmouth church, officiated by Pastor David Crook. Many attended from both the Halifax and the Dartmouth churches. Pastor Sean Todd, new pastor for the Fox Point/Tantallon church district, was the guest speaker; followed by a song praise time. A delicious breakfast was served and a great time of fellowship was had by all. (Attendees pictured below)





## Concert in Public Gardens

The Halifax AY held a concert at the bandstand, led by music director Stuart Cherenfant. Approximately 90 persons were in attendance, excluding passers-by. Public Garden personnel provided and set up the PA system, chairs, etc. The concert lasted an hour and received positive feedback from the audience. AY has also sung in the park in Halifax in August, and also in a Bedford park.

## ENDITNOW

ENDITNOW is a global initiative to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence around the world and to mobilize Seventh-day Adventists to join in to resolve this worldwide issue. This initiative was launched in October 2009 in partnership between ADRA and the Department of Women's Ministries of the SDA Church worldwide. In the Halifax church the day was observed on September 28 with our Conference Secretary, Teresa Ferreira, bringing a stirring message entitled *A Path to Resilience*. This was followed in the afternoon by a facilitation discussion led by Margaret Ennis-Trotman and Teresa with 50 people attending—men and women. Thanks to women's ministries leader, Susan Mogae and all those who made this day possible.

## Mentorship Program

Forty women, young and older, of the Halifax church joined this mentorship program. The purpose is to nurture the spiritual growth of women through a loving and supportive relationship between young and mature women. The book of Titus chapter 2:4 is where Paul encourages Titus to teach the older women to help the younger women in practical ways as they grow in Christ in the church.

## Mission in Action Series

"Mission In Action: The God Who Sends" is a three-part sermon series, presented by pastor Gary Belhomme, that aims to correct misconceptions about missions and who is a missionary. The first message is an introduction to missions that will help audiences understand the origin and importance of missions. The second message will give audiences an overview of the history of missions and unveil some startling results of moving away from God's original plan for missions and the scriptural precedent that must be followed to have productive missionary endeavours. The third and final message aims to answer the question, "Can those who have never heard the gospel be saved." All three sermons can be viewed on the Halifax Church website: <https://www.halifaxadventist.ca/sermons>.

## Men's Ministry Work Bee

The work bee took place on December 1. When the suggestion was made at the Men's breakfast to have a much-needed work bee at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, the leader, Pastor Dave Crook, was most gratified with the response. Approximately 15 men came and accomplished a great deal due mainly to the organization of two staff members who deeply appreciated the tremendous amount of work done. May this be repeated! "How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell (work) together in UNITY!" (Psalm 133:1).

(Pictured above are Rick Cantellow, Maintenance and Warehouse Manager, and Dana Baker, Director of Client Services of Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.)



## Quilt Making

Quilt making is another project chosen by the women's ministries committee (wmc). Not only is the beautiful quilt finished after four sessions, but it was a great time of fun, fellowship and feasting on snacks!

This work of art taught by wmc member, Nancy Hiscock, a serious quilter, is to be donated to a worthy person or family who need to know someone loves and cares about them. A total of ten women were involved with six being consistent.

(Above right-The quilt nearing completion at Nancy's home. Left to right, Susan Mogae, Sara MacLean, Nancy Hiscock, instructor and Yvonne Crook.) (Pictured right-All ready for the batting and quilting!)





### Senior Bible Study

Halifax seniors' Bible study and prayer group (pictured in the September Pulse) has doubled in size! Each Thursday this group of seniors, ranging in ages from 70 to 99, meet in various members' homes to fellowship, pray and study together. The oldest, Rita Hack, has moved from her apartment to her daughter's home, and if not meeting with her there, her grandson drives her and often joins in the meeting. How we look forward to seeing each other, especially Rita at 99 years, and also Alice Spencer who is recovering from a broken hip surgery. Always praising God for answered prayers and thanking Him for the medical profession at this time. Wishing all you readers of the *Maritime Pulse* a blessed Christmas.



Seniors Bible Study and Prayer Group-(Pictured-left to right back row, Sara MacLean, Dave Crook, Doug Parrott, Sandra Maher, Juan Sanchez, Bill Gay, John MacLean; seated, Alice Spencer, Mike Maher, and Rita Hack)

### NORTH SYDNEY

#### North Sydney Reaches Out

Members of the North Sydney church love to share God's love with our community—and this fall is no exception. Every year we have annual drives for mitts, socks, and hats for those in need and food items to help in the local food banks with their Christmas hampers. The members got cooking to provide a soup and sandwich supper for the seniors and pensioners in our town. On a Friday evening in October our local fire hall was filled with yummy smells and laughter as our church family gathered, along with the help of the local Thyme Savour restaurant. The numbers were few, but the fellowship was felt by all. There were even leftovers that the youth were able to take to the local soup kitchen the next morning. As we minister to others we all are growing closer to each other and the Bread of Life.

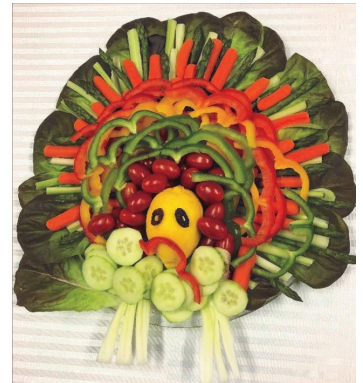
### ST. GEORGE

#### Church Renovations

Since early last summer, several of our members have been busy taking down walls and expanding our church foyer. Included in the project is a new sound and video room complete with improved electrical equipment. The sound system is now in place, and we hope the video system will be ready on time for Christmas.

#### Cooking School Classes

Pastor Chant's artistic creation (pictured right) served as a delightful and tasty, "vegan turkey" for a well-attended banquet following 6 weeks of cooking school classes. Many will recognize a number of our members among a group of very happy participants.



"I have sought God's help in all my manifold undertakings, and though I cannot tell here the story of my private life in God's work, yet if it were written, it would be a standing proof that there is a God that answers prayer." Charles Spurgeon, *Prayer in the Life of the Believer*



## “REMEMBERING THE REFORMATION”

October 31, 1517 was the official start date of the Protestant Reformation. It is when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis onto the door of the Wittenberg church in Germany, protesting the sale of indulgences and other unbiblical practices in the church. This was the event that started to split apart the “Christian Church” of its day and the people cried out to know the real teachings contained in it. The Bible, which had literally been put into chains, started to be freed one doctrine at a time, one chain at a time.

We owe the faithful, truth-seeking, Bible-loving people of the past for the freedoms that we now enjoy. Most of you reading this have the privilege of owning at least one Bible, and have at least a general idea of what it says. How different it was during the days prior to the Protestant Reformation!

Unfortunately today it seems like the Bible has been forgotten again. We can ask a young person on the street, “Do you know who Noah, Joseph, or Daniel was?” And we get blank stares in return. People have forgotten the past! They have forgotten the Bible, and the great freedoms that the Word of God brings with it.

We need to celebrate October 31 every year, not the way the world does (Halloween), but by remembering and celebrating the lives of the brave, godly men and women in history who have made great strides in helping us have our own Bibles, in our own language, and helped us understand the great truths held within its covers!

The Yarmouth and Oak Park churches remembered the contributions of Martin Luther in a re-enactment presented by Pastor Dave, Cheryl, Nathan, Rebekah, and Andrew Hamilton, Jessa, BreAnna, and Danielle Sutter, Ferris Cottreau, and Jessica Armstrong. The people thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the work of this great reformer and learned much about his life through the dialogs.

Thank you to the young people who helped us remember that we could be in total darkness of God’s word had it not been for Martin Luther and the others who believed we are:

- 1) Save by Faith Alone,
- 2) Saved through Christ Alone,
- 3) Saved through God’s Grace Alone,
- 4) To base our beliefs and practices on the Scriptures Alone, and
- 5) All that we do as Christians should be done for the Glory of God Alone.



He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13

P.S. If you would like to have a Reformation Celebration in your area, email Cheryl Hamilton at [cherylq.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:cherylq.hamilton@gmail.com) for ideas.

**Quilting Ministry**

What would it mean to you to receive a beautiful quilt of love from someone you never met before? Kelly lay in a bed at the Victoria General Hospital receiving chemotherapy. She looked tired and ill, as many people do being treated with chemo. Her daughter sat beside her. I walked past her room looking for another person I had planned on giving a quilt of love to, but she wasn't there. God spoke to my heart and impressed me to go back to the lady I had just seen. I walked into her room and introduced myself and told her about our quilting ministry at the Truro Seventh-day Adventist Church. I held open the beautiful lap quilt filled with flowers and birds and Kelly's eyes, moments ago so dull, light up, a broad smile spreads across her face. We talked for a while and before I left, I spread the quilt over her and asked if I could pray for her. She said "Yes, oh yes, please do." Her daughter placed her hand on mine as I held her mother's. We hugged each other and I wished her God's blessings. Her daughter whispered to me "Thank-you so much, my mom really needed this comfort today." I praise God for David and Jean Streifling for starting this quilting ministry. It has been a great blessing to those who receive them and also for those who give them to hurting souls. Please pray for this ministry and for funds to keep it going.

**Community Hymn Sing**

Do you like to sing? Psalm 95:1 says, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." We at the Truro church wanted to reach out to the community to reveal to them the gospel through music. So on September 21 we began a community hymn sing, under the direction of David Streifling. The response has been good, but we pray for more to attend. Music is supplied by the Truro and Pugwash churches. After an hour of joyful praises in song, we enjoy light getting-to-know-you refreshments. Come join us every third Sabbath of the month at 7:00 PM. December 21st we will be presenting our Christmas program.

**YARMOUTH****Diabetes Undone**

The Yarmouth church members hosted "Diabetes Undone" at the local Sobey's community room weekly for 9 weeks, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26. Those attending rated the program very high. They all stated they learned a lot and that the program made sense. Those participating noted improvement in their diabetes and were encouraged to keep pursuing improved health. They requested that we do a



monthly follow-up where we have a vegetarian potluck, encourage one another in our health goals, and learn something new about health. One or two have asked as to when we would be doing it again for they knew of someone to invite. It was a blessing and an encouragement to those leading out to have such a positive response to their efforts!

**BAPTISMS**

**Rick Andrews** was baptized at a local lake near Digby NS on September 14, 2019 by Pastor David Hamilton, witnessed by 25 persons, including Rick's wife and daughters, as well as many Digby church members and friends. Rick committed his life to the Lord years ago and would spend hours reading and studying his Bible, but this was the day



he looked forward to.

Today he still looks back with joy, peace and excitement to that day of his "new birth." The Digby church members sang "welcome to the family" and accepted him into church membership at that time.



## BIRTHDAY

### 90th Birthday for Helen Koilpillai

November 16 was an evening of celebration for Helen Koilpillai, member of the Halifax SDA Church. Her family organized a dinner and program of appreciation to celebrate the 90th birthday of this woman of principle. Her family arrived from far and wide—Virginia, Washington DC, Alberta and the Halifax area to bring best wishes. The dinner was delicious (Indian cuisine) and after many accolades by family and friends for being the special lady she is, the evening ended with a sumptuous birthday cake. God has blessed Helen these 90 years and we are blessed by knowing her.



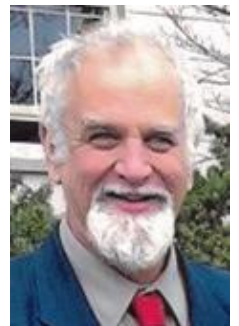
## OBITUARIES

**Girvan, Gordon—92**, of Ford Bank NB (recently of Rexton) passed away at the Stella-Maris-De-Kent, Sainte-Anne-De-Kent on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Born in Amherst NS he was the youngest son of the late Albert and Euphemia (Ross) Girvan.

From the time he was 11 years old Gordon lived on the family farm in Ford Bank NB. He worked as a truck driver as his vocation both as an owner and operator; however his first love was always farming. Gordon was also the start-up manager of the Kent Wood Co-Op in West Branch NB. He retired in 1989 from his position with the Department of Highways where he worked as an operator and devoted his life to farming and looking after his wife Marjorie, his wife of 65 years. Gordon's passing will leave a large empty space in the hearts of those who loved him. His two sons, Fred (Nancy) of Richmond Hill ON and Ross (Lynne) of Lindsay ON, three granddaughters Shannon (Kevin) Coppock of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Tennille (Nathan) of Williams Lake BC and Lauren (Andrew) Clarke of Vineland ON. He also has two great grandchildren Carys Coppock and Robert Coppock. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews as well as members of the Moncton SDA Church. Gordon was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Euphemia Girvan, as well as two brothers, Earl Girvan and Garnet Girvan and two sisters, Winnie Blenkhorn and Hattie Morton.



**Lightbourn, Robert Guy—59**, of Nictaux West NS passed away Friday, November 22, 2019 in the QE II, V.G. Halifax NS. Born in Bermuda, he was the son of James and Patricia (Perks) Lightbourn of Bermuda. Robert was a graduate of Acadia University and operated his own roofing and waterproofing business. Any task that he chose to do, he did in a very meticulous manner. Robert enjoyed gardening, was very faithful to his church (Middleton SDA Church) and dedicated to his family. Surviving besides his parents are his wife, the former Anne Medicraft; daughters Elizabeth Lightbourn, St. John's NL, Katherine Lightbourn, Toronto ON; son Donald Lightbourn, Nictaux West NS; sister Tracey Madeiros, New Albany NS and Bermuda; brothers Brian and Mark both of Bermuda as well as several nieces and nephews.



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Halifax church:** held a baby shower for the Niyitanga family who welcomed their fourth child. They moved from New Minas 2 years ago and the women's ministries wanted them to know they are loved and appreciated.

"He has heard my prayers – not now and then – so many times that it has grown into a habit with me to spread my case before God with the absolute certainty that whatsoever I ask of God He will give to me." Charles Spurgeon, *Prayer in the Life of the Believer*

**St. George church:** As you can see from the photo, we had a wonderful group ready to face a brisk autumn wind and hike a few kilometers along nearby Lake Utopia.



### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**Dartmouth church:** On November 23 presented Pastor Gary Belhomme with a belated Pastor Appreciation card and gift.

**Halifax church:** AY held a special AY program on Nov. 30. AY is visiting other Adventist churches and leading out in all services. The latest visit was to the Woodside Company in Dartmouth on Nov. 16 under the theme FAITH, and testimonies were shared. INTERACTIVE BIBLE LEARNING through the use of Adventist Family Feud (where they challenge themselves about how much they know about the Bible). Approximately 60 persons were in attendance. It was a blessing ministering to the Woodside Company and many others.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Truro church:** Community Hymn Sing... Come join us every third Sabbath of the month at 7:00 PM. December 21st we will be presenting our Christmas program. ■

## MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE

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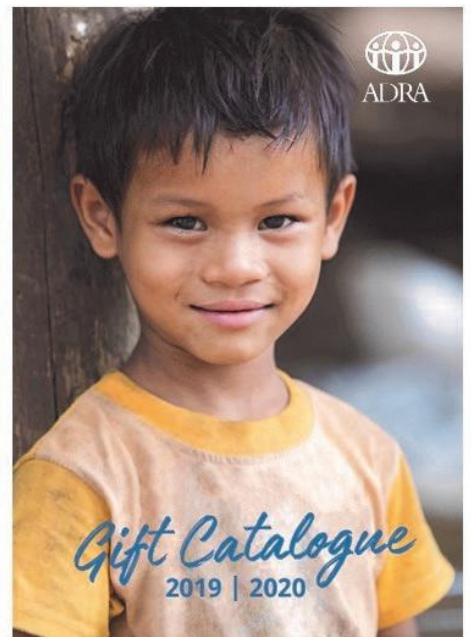
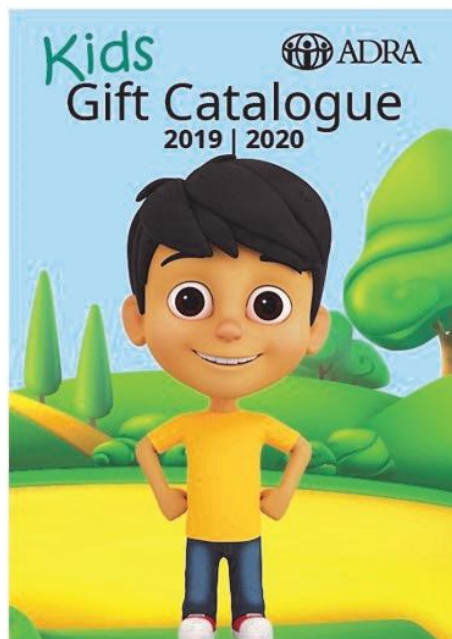
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Steve Matthews  
Executive Director

"We are to go about our business believing that God will do just what He has said He would do, and that the blessings we have prayed for will come to us when we most need them." EGV, *That I May Know Him*, p. 230





## 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  
March 1, 2020.

### 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 (present and past copies) 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  
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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.

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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 at Phone 506.857.8722 Ext 201, Fax 506.853.7368 or Email [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com).

## MARITIME CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2019-2020

<b>December</b>	Christian Hospitality Focus	
Dec. 19	SLA Christmas Program	SLA
Dec. 24-31	Maritime Conference Office Closed	Moncton
Dec. 28	Maritime Advance	Offering
Dec. 28	13th Sabbath-East-Central Africa Division	Offering
<b>January</b>	Friendship Evangelism Focus	
Jan. 2	Maritime Conference Office Open	Moncton
Jan. 4	Day of Prayer	
Jan. 7	Clerk 4th Qtr 2019 Statistical Report Due	Conference
Jan. 11	Maritime Advance	Offering
Jan. 11	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Jan. 19-24	Religious Liberty Week	
Jan. 25	Religious Liberty	Offering
Jan. 26	Board of Directors Meeting	Zoom
Jan.	Summer Camp Staff Applications Available	
<b>February</b>	Family Life Focus	
Feb. 1-29	Black History Month	
Feb. 8	It Is Written Canada	Offering
Feb. 8	Christian Marriage Sabbath	
Feb. 8-15	Christian Home and Marriage Week	
Feb. 15	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Feb. 15	Christian Parenting Sabbath	
Feb. 22	Maritime Advance	Offering
Feb. 29	NAD Evangelism	Offering
<b>March</b>	Women in the Church Focus	
Mar. 1	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Mar. 7	Women's Day of Prayer	
Mar. 7-14	Adventist Youth Week of Prayer	
Mar. 14	Adventist World Radio	Offering
Mar. 21	Disabilities Awareness Sabbath	
Mar. 21	Weekend of Compassion	
Mar. 21	Global Youth Day	
Mar. 27-28	Maritime Youth Event	Moncton Church
Mar. 28	ARM Safety Sabbath	
Mar. 28	Maritime Advance	Offering
Mar. 28	13th Sabbath-Inter-European Div.	Offering
<b>2020 MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS</b>		
Canadian Union and Southwestern Union		Offering

**Note from Paul Llewellyn and family.**

It is with a heavy heart that I would like to share with our conference that I have taken a position with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve in the Maritime Conference for the last 10 and ½ years. I have pastored the Digby, Middleton, and New Minas church district. Served as Education Superintendent, Youth Director, Camp Director and Executive Secretary and for the last 3 years, served as this Conference President. I look back on a spiritually rewarding time as my family and I served here in the Maritimes.

As the Advent Movement continues, I have accepted a call to serve as the Executive Secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

We will miss the beautiful people that we have come to know over the years as we leave the Conference of my birth.

May God bless you for 2020 and may God's character come shining through in your life as you share Jesus to your neighbors.



**Paul Llewellyn**  
**President**

Maritime Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Inc.



Wishing you all the special blessings of this Christmas season! As we look forward to 2020, "let us gather up the treasures of the past year and carry with us into the new year the remembrance of God's goodness and mercy. Let us brighten the future by the thought of past blessings"

(EGW, This Day With God, p. 358)