



As the warm wind rushed through the trees, blowing across Elijah's cheek, atop Mount Carmel for the second time that day as he could hear his servant return - still no rain. He prayed a persistent prayer again for the seventh time. He had assured

Ahab, "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming" (1 Kings 18:41).

Fire had just descended from heaven, declaring the One True God in Israel after there had been such a tragic display of demonic worship from the prophets of baal. But this time there were no 450 prophets of baal, nor 400 prophets of asherah, nor throngs of Israelites, nor Ahab... but just Elijah bowed low before His God in a faithful prayer that he had already proclaimed as truth.

And on the seventh time as his servant returned from looking out over the sea to Elijah on top the holy ground of Mount Carmel, he declared that there was a "little cloud about the size of a man's hand rising from the sea" (1 Kings 18:44).

Do we experience these moments of faithfulness today? Do we speak truth in our circumstances of a faithful God whom we already know will answer? We seem to approach God with such uncertainty today as our lives are flooded with distraction. I sit in the quiet of the early morning at peace with no distractions or compromises, blanket tucked around me to push back the morning chill of our house, and I am sure that God exists and loves and knows and sees and feels all our world IS right now in these last days. And am I faithful? Am I faithful enough, am I committed enough, do I believe in the truth and faithfulness of my God enough to *hear the sound of a rushing rain by faith alone*?

As Paul walked through Athens he was greeted by the idols they had erected on every corner, we are told. They were a 'religious' people. They desired to believe in something and in the sake of argument, discourse and philosophizing, they came to believe in everything. And Paul saw an opportunity to share truth before them in their Areopagus (a prominent rock where they held a type of court for philosophers to speak). He mentioned specifically in his most dramatically recorded sermon

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Psalm 32:5

Alors que le vent chaud se précipitait à travers les arbres, soufflant sur la joue d'Élie, au sommet du mont Carmel pour la deuxième fois de la journée, il pouvait entendre le retour de son serviteur - toujours pas de pluie. Pour la septième fois, il pria avec insistance. Il avait dit à Achab: "Va chercher quelque chose à manger et à boire, car il se fait un bruit qui annonce la pluie" (1 Rois 18.41).

Le feu venait tout juste de descendre du ciel, déclarant le seul vrai Dieu en Israël après qu'il y ait eu un tel tragique étalage d'adoration démoniaque de la part des prophètes de Baal. Mais cette fois, il n'y avait pas 450 prophètes de Baal, ni 400 prophètes d'Asherah, ni des foules d'Israélites, ni Achab... mais seulement Elie se prosternant devant son Dieu dans une prière fidèle qu'il avait déjà assuré comme étant vérité.

Et la septième fois, alors que son serviteur revenait de sa tournée vers Élie, au sommet de la terre sainte du mont Carmel, il déclara qu'il y avait "Voici un petit nuage qui s'élève de la mer, et qui est comme la paume de la main d'un homme" (1 Rois 18.44).

Vivons-nous aujourd'hui ces moments de fidélité? Parlons-nous en toute vérité dans nos circonstances d'un Dieu fidèle dont nous savons déjà qu'il répondra? Il semble que nous nous approchions de Dieu avec une telle incertitude aujourd'hui, alors que nos vies sont inondées de distractions. Je suis assise dans le calme du petit matin, en paix, sans distractions ni compromis, la couverture serrée autour de moi pour repousser le froid matinal de notre maison, et je suis sûr que Dieu existe et qu'il aime, connaît, voit et ressent tout ce qu'est notre monde en ce moment, en ces derniers jours. Et suis-je fidèle? Suis-je assez fidèle, suis-je assez engagée, est-ce que je crois assez en la vérité et en la fidélité de mon Dieu pour entendre, par la foi seule, le son d'une pluie battante?

En traversant Athènes, Paul a été accueilli par les idoles qu'ils avaient érigées à chaque coin de rue, nous dit-on. C'était un peuple "religieux." Ils voulaient croire en quelque chose et, par autant d'argumentation, de discours et de paroles philosophiques, ils en sont venus à croire en tout. Et Paul a vu une occasion de partager la vérité devant eux dans leur aréopage (un rocher proéminent où ils tenaient une sorte de théâtre pour que les philosophes puissent parler). Il a mentionné spécifiquement dans son sermon le plus dramatiquement

found in Acts 17:16-34, their reference to the Unknown God on one of their idols and honoured in one of their temples. Who was this Unknown God? He dared to speak on behalf of the One True God as the Unknown God. And yet the Athenian hearts were more interested in their own philosophizing to the very point that they missed the opportunity to come to know Jesus, to feel the “rain” of faith Elijah prayed about so long ago or to experience the risen Saviour Paul was preaching about.

Do we chatter too much, loving the sound of our own voices that we miss the very whisper of God? I just recently gave a devotional talk at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada’s board meeting, and I challenged them with three final thoughts to ponder and reflect on, of which I challenge you, the Maritime Conference with now:

- 1) Filling our heads with the fallacies of this world makes null and void the beauty of a ransomed life paid at Calvary;
- 2) We must remember that loving and accepting others does not change the principles that guides us but only changes the lens by which we see others - allowing the Spirit to convict them is important (loving and accepting does not change our living into a messy reflection of this world!); and
- 3) May we not be found living the life of Caiaphas when Christ comes in the clouds of glory (righteous, pious and missing the Saviour) but may we be found living the life of Paul... completely surrender and sufficiently filled by the Spirit (*Steps to Personal Revival*, Helmut Haulbeil).

When Christ is at the centre of our living, the impact of this world and all its compromises will have no effect on us, for we serve the desires and principles of the One True God. As Isaiah sought to share with us what a Christ-centered life would look like in Isaiah 58, we see that there will be an outflow from ourselves that is not focused inward with “I Statements” - “I” want to be successful in this life, “I” want to be financially secure, “I” want people to know I’m depressed, “I” want to focus on my agenda in the church, “I” need my God to show up for me, “I” want to travel, “I” fear _____, “I” know all the commandments and doctrines but “I” don’t have a relationship with Jesus, etc. Continuously, it’s the wrong focus to ever fulfill the challenge placed before us in Isaiah 58:

6 *“Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the [c]heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?”*

enregistré, trouvé dans Actes 17,16-34, leur référence au Dieu inconnu sur l’une de leurs idoles et honoré dans l’un de leurs temples. Qui était ce Dieu inconnu? Il a osé parler au nom du seul vrai Dieu en tant que Dieu inconnu. Et pourtant, les coeurs athéniens s’intéressaient davantage à leur propre philosophie, au point de manquer l’occasion de connaître Jésus, de sentir la “pluie” de la foi pour laquelle Elie a prié il y a si longtemps ou de faire l’expérience du Sauveur ressuscité que Paul prêchait.

Est-ce que nous bavardons trop, aimant le son de nos propres voix que nous maquons d’entendre le murmure même de Dieu? J’ai récemment prononcé le discours de dévotion lors de la réunion du Conseil d’Administration de l’Église Adventiste du Septième Jour au Canada, et au final, je les ai mis au défi de réfléchir à trois idées, sur lesquelles je vous mets aussi au défi de réfléchir, vous, la Fédération des maritimes:

- 1) Remplir nos têtes des erreurs de ce monde rend nulle et non avenue la beauté d’une vie payée en rançon au Calvaire ;
- 2) Nous devons nous rappeler qu’aimer et accepter les autres ne change pas les principes qui nous guident, mais seulement la lentille par laquelle nous voyons les autres - il est important de permettre à l’Esprit de les condamner (aimer et accepter ne change pas le fait que nous vivons dans un reflet désordonné de ce monde)!, et
- 3) Que nous ne soyons trouvés vivant la vie de Caïphe quand le Christ viendra sur les nuées du ciel (juste, pieux et sans le Sauveur), mais que nous soyons trouvés vivant la vie de Paul... complètement abandonnés et suffisamment remplis de l’Esprit (Étapes du réveil personnel, Helmut Haulbeil).

Lorsque le Christ est au centre de notre vie, l’impact de ce monde et tous ses compromis n’auront aucun effet sur nous, car nous servons les désirs et les principes du seul vrai Dieu. Alors qu’Ésaïe a cherché à nous faire partager ce à quoi ressemblerait une vie centrée sur le Christ dans Ésaïe 58, nous constatons qu’il y aura comme un fleuve qui sortira de nous-mêmes, qui ne sera pas tourné vers l’intérieur, et qui ne portera pas ces “déclarations du moi, en “Je” - “Je” veux réussir dans cette vie, “Je” veux être financièrement sûr, “Je” veux que les gens sachent que je suis déprimé, “Je” veux me concentrer sur mon agenda à l’église, “J’ai” besoin que mon Dieu se montre pour moi, “Je” veux voyager, “Je” crains _____, “Je” connais tous les commandements et les doctrines mais “Je” n’ai pas de relation avec Jésus, etc. Cette attitude ne permettra jamais de relever le défi qui nous est lancé dans Esaïe 58:

6 *Voici le jeûne auquel je prends plaisir:
Détache les chaînes de la méchanceté,
Dénoue les liens de la servitude,
Renvoie libres les opprimés,
Et que l’on rompe toute espèce de joug;*

*7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who
are [d]cast out;*

*When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?*

*8 Then your light shall break forth like the
morning,*

*Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*

*9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'*

As we travelled home from church one evening this winter, it was dark already and Brian was driving us through the outskirts of Saint John. Sophia and I were sitting snuggled under a blanket in the back (yes, of course she was in her carseat for those of you wondering) with her sleepy tunes, *Hidden In My Heart*, quietly serenading us. And as I looked out her window I expressed how cold it was outside that night and the need to pray for those individuals who had no warm home to go to. And this most beautiful innocent statement came from my little three year old daughter's lips, "Mommy, tell Daddy to turn around and go back into Saint John to pick up all those people and bring them to our home for the night!" Bless her heart! If we could not see our purpose so clearly as a Christ-centered people of God. We have oversized homes filled with an abundance of 'stuff' that we don't want to share for fear of contamination with unchurched or dirty or belief challenging people (individuals who are 'different' than us)...God help us, we don't even want to share our churches with these people never mind our homes. If a church building continues to stand but only feeds the flock closed within its walls, it serves no purpose except to glorify self.

In my heart, I must believe that our church in the Maritimes would not want to be found like Caiaphas, attempting to preserve 'the temple' and its ritual rights, willing to sacrifice One Man:

If the people were to lose confidence in their rulers, the national power would be destroyed. Caiaphas urged that after this miracle the followers of Jesus would likely rise in revolt. The Romans will then come, he said, and will close our temple, and abolish our laws, destroying us as a nation. What is the life of this Galilean worth in comparison with the life of the nation? If He stands in the way of Israel's well-being, is it not doing God a service to remove Him? Better that one man perish than that the whole nation be destroyed" (Desire of Ages, 539.3).

*7 Partage ton pain avec celui qui a faim,
Et fais entrer dans ta maison les malheureux sans asile;
Si tu vois un homme nu, couvre-le,
Et ne te détourne pas de ton semblable.*

*8 Alors ta lumière poindra comme l'aurore,
Et ta guérison germera promptement;
Ta justice marchera devant toi,
Et la gloire de l'Éternel t'accompagnera.*

*9 Alors tu appelleras, et l'Éternel répondra;
Tu crieras, et il dira: Me voici!*

Un soir de cet hiver, alors que nous rentrions de l'église, il faisait déjà nuit et Brian, au volant, nous faisait traverser la banlieue de Saint John. Sophia et moi étions assis, blottis sous une couverture à l'arrière (oui, bien sûr, elle était dans son siège de voiture pour ceux qui se posent la question) avec ses chants pour dormir, *Hidden In My Heart*, qui nous berçaient tranquillement. Et en regardant par sa fenêtre, j'ai exprimé combien il faisait froid dehors cette nuit-là et le besoin de prier pour ces personnes qui n'avaient pas de maison chaude où aller. Et cette plus belle et innocente déclaration est venue des lèvres de ma petite fille de trois ans: « Maman, dis à papa de faire demi-tour et de retourner à Saint John pour prendre tous ces gens et les ramener chez nous pour la nuit! » Bénissez son cœur! Si nous pouvions seulement voir notre but aussi clairement en tant que peuple de Dieu centré sur le Christ. Nous avons des maisons surdimensionnées remplies d'une abondance de "choses" que nous ne voulons pas partager de peur d'être contaminés par des personnes non éduquées ou sales ou par des personnes qui contestent nos croyances (des personnes "différentes" de nous)... Que Dieu nous aide, nous ne voulons même pas partager nos églises avec ces personnes, encore moins nos maisons. Si un bâtiment d'église continue à tenir debout mais ne fait que nourrir le troupeau enfermé dans ses murs, il ne sert à rien si ce n'est qu'à glorifier le "moi."

Dans mon cœur, je dois croire que notre église dans les Maritimes ne voudrait pas être trouvée comme Caïphe, qui tente de préserver "le temple" et ses droits rituels, prêt à sacrifier un homme:

"Si le peuple venait à perdre confiance en ses chefs, la puissance nationale serait anéantie. Caïphe insinuait qu'à la suite de ce miracle les disciples de Jésus pourraient bien fomenter une révolte. Les Romains viendraient alors, disait-il, fermentaient notre temple, aboliraient nos lois, et détruiraient notre nation. Qu'est-ce que la vie de ce Galiléen comparée à celle de la nation tout entière? S'il fait obstacle au bien-être d'Israël, n'est-ce pas rendre un service à Dieu que de l'écarter? Mieux vaut qu'un seul homme périsse plutôt que toute la nation soit détruite" {JC 536.1}.

“There's two ways to handle darkness: walk away or grab a light and walk back in” (Yami Bazan). I pray we grab the light of Jesus and walk into this darkened world with a purpose of sharing the hope and wholeness of His beautiful message. May the 2020 Year of Missional Evangelism in our Conference truly bring a revival with renewed vision, renewed purpose, renewed love and renewed faithfulness in a God who desires to make it rain (and by rain, I mean the latter rain!).

“*“My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, & in sure dwellings, & in quiet resting places” (Isaiah 32:18). All who really desire it, can find a place for communion with God, where no ear can hear- but the One open to the cries of the helpless, distressed, & needy— the One who notices even the fall of the little sparrow. He says, “Ye are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31). If the rush of work is allowed to drive us from our purpose of seeking the Lord daily, we shall make the greatest mistakes; we shall incur losses...Be determined not to be separated from the Source of your strength, Jesus will be at our right hand to help us, that we may not be put to shame before our enemies. The grace of Christ can accomplish for us that which all our efforts will fail to do. We may be surrounded with a multitude of cares, yet not falter or make crooked paths for [our] feet. God takes care of you in the place where it is your duty to be” (Counsels On Health 423). ■*

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“Il y a deux façons de gérer l’obscurité: s’éloigner ou prendre une lumière et revenir à l’intérieur” (Yami Bazan). Je prie pour que nous saisissons la lumière de Jésus et marchions dans ce monde obscurci dans le but de partager l’espoir et l’intégralité de son beau message. Que l’année 2020, Année de l’évangélisation missionnelle dans notre Fédération, apporte vraiment un renouveau avec une vision renouvelée, un but renouvelé, un amour renouvelé et une fidélité renouvelée dans un Dieu qui désire faire pleuvoir (et par pluie, j’entends la pluie de l’arrière-saison!).

«*« Mon peuple habitera dans une habitation paisible, & dans des habitations sûres, & dans des lieux de repos tranquilles » (Esaïe 32,18). Tous ceux qui le désirent vraiment, peuvent trouver un lieu de communion avec Dieu, où aucune oreille ne peut entendre - mais Celui qui est ouvert aux cris de l’impuissant, de l’affligé, & du nécessiteux - Celui qui remarque même la chute du petit moineau. Il dit: « Vous avez plus de valeur que beaucoup de moineaux. » (Matthieu 10,31). Si l’on permet à la précipitation du travail de nous éloigner de notre but qui est de chercher le Seigneur chaque jour, nous commettrons les plus grandes erreurs; nous subirons des pertes... Soyez déterminés à ne pas être séparés de la Source de votre force, Jésus sera à notre droite pour nous aider, afin que nous ne soyons pas mis à mal devant nos ennemis. La grâce du Christ peut accomplir pour nous ce que tous nos efforts ne réussiront pas à faire. Nous pouvons être entourés d’une multitude de soucis, mais nous ne devons pas hésiter ou faire des chemins tortueux pour nos pieds. Dieu prend soin de vous là où il est de votre devoir d’être » (Counsels On Health 423). ■*

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The Maritime Conference would like to pray over Pastor Guy Lacourse the anointing presence of the Holy Spirit upon his continued ministry! He has been approved for Ordination within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a special Blessing Ceremony will be held with those who want to support his ministry once our current restrictive state is over. Please see the following biography on Pastor Lacourse:

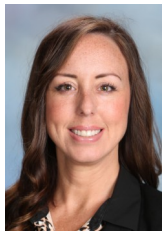
It was around the age of 16 that Guy came to know the Lord through the evangelization efforts of Gerard Dis in Montreal. He knew then that God was preparing something special for his life because he felt deep inside that one day, he would do as this evangelist did: God was speaking to his heart.

However, Guy soon left the church - family pressures, elders who insisted on perfection, and the Word of God that had impressed his mind but not yet his heart. It would take 18 years for Guy to make a return to God by reading the book *Tragedy of the Centuries*. With tears in his eyes, Guy felt repentant and experienced the baptism of the Spirit.

A chemist by profession, Guy worked in the church as a deacon, personal ministry leader, and elder. He also conducted evangelistic efforts as an organizer and speaker, he contributed to the recovery of the Valleyfield community, and it is in 2011 that he left everything to go to France to do a master’s degree in theology at the Adventist Faculty of Collonges-sous-Salève, from where he would graduate with honors in 2014.

Guy then served two years in Limoges, France, before receiving a call from the Maritime Conference where he serves the Miramichi Church and the Bouctouche Company. In 2017 he was appointed French ministries director, and since then, he has contributed to the establishment of francophone churches in New Brunswick. He supervises the efforts made in Dieppe, Bathurst, and Madawaska.

Thank you, Pastor Lacourse, for your dynamic service within the Maritime Conference, know that God’s Hand is upon your life.



Secretariat Report

Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary



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Dear Pastors, Elders, Treasurers & Church Boards:

As we begin the year of 2020, our thoughts are turned to Acts 20:18-21...

18 When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

We desire to serve our Lord with great humility and to declare to both Jews ("Adventists") and Greeks ("non-Adventists") about our Jesus! (*"emphasis added"*) Dear Friends, can we recreate Pentecost!? Of course not. But we can plan for the Latter Rain in an intentional way by including our neighbours and those who are within our communities. We MUST land where people are living their lives - connection can be formed by no other way than to build relationships with people. The Gospel message is so simple - to love, to live it and to share it. Are you living the purposes of God in this generation as was David of old, or are you on a slow, death walk? For, David is referenced in Acts 13:36 as living a purposeful life...

36 "Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

David was on a Kingdom task in fulfilling a God-given mission for that church, in that generation. Ask yourself, 'If I die without living my purpose for *this* generation have I really lived?!' God is calling your church today to live out His evangelism mission for 2020!

As we reflect upon Acts of the Apostles, 9.1 we see our call...

The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to "the principalities and powers in heavenly places," the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10. (Acts of the Apostles 9.1)



2020 Evangelism
Equipping for Service



This year, our Conference will be one in purpose with our focus on 2020 Evangelism, but not in method or approach. The method by which you each reach out to your local community will be determined by your church. We encourage you to use the following process to assist you in your evangelistic focus this year

1. READ THIS LETTER & ALL SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES TOGETHER AS A CHURCH BOARD AND/OR CHURCH IN BUSINESS;
2. PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE SPIRIT'S LEADING;
3. ON A SABBATH AS YOUR CHURCH BODY IS GATHERED, PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE SPIRIT'S LEADING IN THIS EVANGELISTIC YEAR;
4. CONDUCT A 'NEEDS ASSESSMENT' OF YOUR COMMUNITY - CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CITY/TOWN HALL (THEY WILL READILY HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE);
5. DISCUSS VARIOUS EVANGELISTIC IDEAS THAT WORK FOR YOUR CHURCH (SEE 2020 COMMUNITY EVANGELISTIC IDEAS DOCUMENT FOR REFERENCE);
6. FILL OUT THE MARITIME CONFERENCE 2020 EVANGELISM APPLICATION & COMMITMENT CARD (RETURN THEM TO TERESA.FERREIRA@MARITIMESDA.COM & ED.SHARPE@MARITIMESDA.COM);
7. UPON APPROVAL, FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED TO YOUR CHURCH MATCHING PROVEN EXPENDITURES AND NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 — FOR MORE FUNDS, A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED; AND FINALLY,
8. AT CAMPMEETING 2020 THERE WILL BE A 'REPORTING' TIME, SO EACH CHURCH WILL DEMONSTRATE EITHER WHAT THEY'VE DONE OR WHAT THEY WILL DO - THREE (3) POWERPOINT SLIDES WILL BE REQUESTED OF YOUR CHURCH DURING THIS TIME TO SHOWCASE YOUR EVANGELISTIC ENDEAVOURS (THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SDACC).

FYI...

We recommend for this year that your Church select a Personal Ministry Leader who will assist in the details of leading this charge. We also recommend that your Church till the ground in your community before doing anything. Feel free to use any of the branding elements (Blue/ White SDA general logo/ French logo and/or 2020 Evangelism logo for this specific year - all files have been included in the email) to promote and till the ground in your community.



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The Process Illustrated



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Please know that your evangelistic administrative team is praying for you each one in a mighty way — for the character of God to be revealed in His people to the whole world, or at least in our small area of the world for this year. Let's break down the barriers together and reach out to our communities, our neighbours, our friends, and let them see the Jesus we so love. Let's embrace one another in an evangelistic effort unparalleled in Maritime history! Let's not be afraid to draw people in.

What IF in the year 2020, our Conference stamped the imprint of God upon these three Provinces...would there not be revival as in the days of Pentecost? We encourage you daily to be completely surrendered and sufficiently filled with His sweet, sweet Spirit (Helmut Haubeil, *Steps to Personal Revival*). And then simply to share....

We look forward to hearing your success stories of how your church made a difference for the Kingdom of God!

In the Name of Christ,

Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary

Ed Sharpe, Treasurer



EVANGELISM

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Métard Salomon, Ministerial Director

"When a man breathes an intensely earnest prayer to God, there is in that intensity and earnestness a pledge from God that He is about to answer that prayer exceeding abundantly" EGW, Prayer, 72

References from Inspired Writings

The reason for church. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9 NKJV).

The purpose of the church. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men... and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through the church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency" (Acts of the Apostles 9).

The church as a business. "If order and regularity are essential in worldly business, how much more so in the work of God!" (Gospel Workers 278).

The power of language. "'Look!' the Lord said, 'The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them'" (Genesis 11:6 NLT).

Fellowship. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place...breaking bread from house to house...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:1, 46 KJV).

Excellence. "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children" (Education 16).

Kindness for 100. "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be 100 conversions to the truth where now there is only one" (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9 189).

The church and humility. "If pride and selfishness were laid aside, five minutes would remove most difficulties" (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9 189).

The church as a light. "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its savour, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. **You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a lampstand, and it gives light to everyone in the house..." (Matthew 5:13-15 NIV).



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Sobering Thoughts to Ponder...

"Within the United States and Canada lie one of the largest concentrations of godless nonbelievers in the entire world. In a sense, North America is like a vast unexplored territory." How can we advance the gospel in this increasingly post-Christian society in a way that is caring, evangelistic and Spirit-filled? (MdX ThinkTank 2020)

We are a Mission Field:

- The number of religiously unaffiliated rose from 15% to 23% in 10 years, with 1/3 of those under 30 claiming no religious affiliation
- 70% of North America is 47 and younger
 - 33 Million in the United States are religiously non-affiliated
 - 6 Million in Canada are religiously non-affiliated
 - 39 Million across the US and Canada are religiously non-affiliated
- America, Europe, and Australia are the only continents where Christianity is in decline as a percentage of the population
- North America has the 3rd largest block of unbelievers in the world, only after China and India

(Mike Cauley, MdX ThinkTank 2020)

"Pastoral burnout is at a 50% rate of those who leave the profession within the first three (3) years; 25% stay only because they don't have a backup education; 1500 pastors across denominational lines, quit every month." (Andrews University Research)

"Our people across North America are converted in the head but not the heart." (Bob Hayes, MdX ThinkTank 2020)

Most Poignant Way to "Love" People

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as "one who desired their good...", ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'follow Me' " (Ministry of Healing 143).



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2020 COMMUNITY OUTREACH IDEAS

1. SPONSOR A SCHOOL OR CLASSROOM
2. FAMILY GYM NIGHT
3. FOOD FAIR
4. SUPPORT A SENIOR CENTER
5. HOST A CONCERT (INDOOR/OUTDOOR)
6. COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
7. COMMUNITY GARDEN
8. ART SHOW
9. PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
10. MOTHERS' MORNING OUT
11. RAISE MONEY FOR A LOCAL CAUSE
12. THEMED MID-WEEK SERVICE
13. BUSINESS RECOGNITION SERVICE/BRUNCH
14. MULTI-CHURCH MINISTRY (IE. PARK RESTORATION, CITY LITTER CLEAN-UP, LOCAL COOKOUT, SCHOOL LANDSCAPING, ETC.)
15. MULTI-CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
16. HOST RECOVERY GROUPS
17. COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW
18. COMMUNITY YARD SALE
19. FREE CAR WASH
20. ESL BIBLE STUDIES
21. BOOTH SETUP AT A FAIR
22. FINANCIAL COURSES/SEMINARS
23. CHURCH 'FRIEND DAY' - BRING AN 'UNCHURCHED' FRIEND
24. CAR-CARE CLINIC
25. STOP & PRAY DAY ON MAY 1
26. WELCOME BASKETS TO NEW MOVE-INS TO YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY
27. THANK LOCAL HEROES
28. BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS
29. "MOVE IT" - HELP LOCAL COLLEGE KIDS MOVE IN (DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR CHURCH BRANDED T-SHIRTS!)
30. ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
31. HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS
32. COMPUTER TRAINING
33. TRADESHOW BOOTH
34. ADVENT ACTIVITIES, BOOKLET, DEVOTION GUIDE
35. CHURCH COOKBOOK (FOR SALE)
36. HEALTH SCREENINGS
37. BOOK DISCUSSIONS
38. COOKING CLASSES
39. NEWBORN GIFTS AT THE HOSPITAL
40. PERSONALIZED INVITATIONS TO WORSHIP



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2020 COMMUNITY OUTREACH IDEAS

41. ONE TABLE CAFÉ FOR THE HOMELESS
42. CONNECTING FAITH & LIFE THROUGH EXERCISE & BIBLE STUDY
43. BIKE MINISTRY - GIVING BIKES FOR COMMUTING TO THOSE IN NEED
44. SINGLE MOM/DAD BABY RESOURCE BASKETS
45. VEGAN ICE CREAM TRUCK FOR THE COMMUNITY
46. RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
47. LEGO NIGHT
48. SPA NIGHT - "HERSTORY"
49. QUILTING MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN OF TRAUMA
50. AVIATION MINISTRY FOR TEENS - PILOT'S LICENSE OFFERED
51. TUTORING FOR KIDS
52. EVANGELISTIC SERIES
53. PARENTING CLASSES
54. PARK CLEANUP
55. BOTTLED WATER GIVEAWAY AT A RACE/RUN
56. GROCERY BAG LOADING ASSISTANCE
57. STAMPS IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE
58. GATORADE GIVEAWAY AT BIKING TRAILS



Transformed People
Transform Communities



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Treasury Report

Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

I want to say how thankful I am for the financial generosity of those whom the Lord has blessed with special abilities and opportunities to gain wealth.

Here is an interesting quotation found in the book *Counsels on Stewardship*, pages 138, 139:

“The Bible does not condemn the rich man because he is rich; it does not declare the acquisition of wealth to be a sin, nor does it say that money is the root of all evil. On the contrary, the Scriptures state that it is God who gives the power to get wealth. And this ability is a precious talent if consecrated to God and employed to advance His cause. The Bible does not condemn genius or art; for these come of the wisdom which God gives. We cannot make the heart purer or holier by clothing the body in sackcloth, or depriving the home of all that ministers to comfort, taste, or convenience.

The Scriptures teach that wealth is a dangerous possession only when placed in competition with the immortal treasure. It is when the earthly and temporal absorbs the thoughts, the affections, the devotion which God claims, that it becomes a snare.

...Money itself is the gift of God to men, to be used with fidelity in His service. God blessed Abraham, and made him rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And the Bible states, as an evidence of divine favor, that God gave David, Solomon, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, very much riches and honor.”

Of course, little gifts count too. The greatest commendation that Christ gave was to a widow who gave two ‘mites’ which was the smallest copper or bronze coin used by the Jews. A mite was worth about 1/5 of a cent, yet compared to other’s wealth, her gift was proportionately greater than all others.

We are to have our 2019 year audited the last week of March. Y’all pray for us! Our 2019 financial results will be positive. (The physical audit has been cancelled, but they are able to continue and do much electronically.)

Our January, 2020 Operating financial results show an \$80,662 deficit, expected for this time of year after the good, expected December results. ■

Online Giving Debit is available

You can make OnLine donations with a Visa Debit or MasterCard Debit card. (This is not the regular bank debit card.) If you are already an Online Giving user simply add your Visa debit or MasterCard debit card information to your profile and choose it when making an Online donation. If you have any questions email Ed Sharpe at ed.sharpe@maritimesda.com.

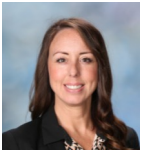


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Do you have a Will?

The Maritime Conference believes having a Will is so important for your family that we are willing to contribute \$200 to ensure our Maritime Conference members get one professionally prepared. For details contact Ed Sharpe (506) 857-8722, Ext 205.



Education

Teresa Ferreira, Superintendent

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It seems like uncharted times we are living in, but God gives us Psalm 91 as a promise:

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence" (Psalm 91:1-3).

Most importantly, Jesus is our refuge and strength, and Psalms 91 is also our promise of God's umbrella of protection during troubled times.

School Closure - *for Health & Wellness*

March 16, 2020

We know and understand that our school communities are growing increasingly concerned with the announcement of local cases of COVID-19. The Atlantic Provinces and Public Health are monitoring each case. In our due diligence to take precautionary measures, Sandy Lake Academy will be closed the two weeks following March Break, which is March 16-April 5, 2020 inclusively. Sandy Lake Academy, unless you are further notified by the Maritime Conference, will reopen on April 6, 2020.

Please note:

- The School will undergo a deep cleaning with disinfecting protocols on high traffic touchpoints (example: doorknobs, light switches, desktops, etc.).
- This is a preliminary period and will be reassessed before April 6, 2020, according to provincial regulations.
- The School will be in touch with resources for the two weeks following March Break and for those classes that have credit requirements.
- This is not a time to enjoy vacationing, but to enhance self-isolation protocols, being conscientious to take the World Health Organization's recommendation for increased social distancing.
- If you or your child have symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing, have travelled outside Canada or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, stay home.
- Anyone returning from any type of travel from outside Canada must self-isolate for 14 days.
- **Public Health recommends the following to help prevent respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, from spreading:**
 - Wash your hands often and well
 - Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
 - Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill
 - When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hands



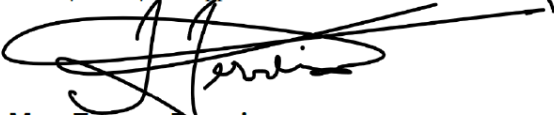
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Nova Scotia Health Authority has guided the province to attempt to get out in front of the virus before we have an increase in cases as in other provinces. Premier, Stephen McNeil is quoted as saying, "Our No. 1 priority will be the public's safety and the health [and] safety of Nova Scotians and their children." [1]

*We advise that you continue to refer to the Nova Scotia Government website <https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/> for current information about Alerts and notices; COVID-19 testing data; When to seek help; Protecting yourself from Coronavirus; Travel advice; Government's response to Coronavirus.

The Maritime Conference Office of Education is in dialogue with local school leadership (Principal & School Board) regarding a contingency plan should NS Health Authority or the Maritime Conference require schools to close for some time. We remain committed to communicating these messages.

Thank you for your support,



Mrs. Teresa Ferreira

Education Superintendent,
MARITIME CONFERENCE

Supporting Websites

<https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

Advent Health Info on Coronavirus:

https://www.adventhealth.com/coronavirus-resource-hub/church-resources?fbclid=IwAR1HHIV9yD6xrlr-LTg1G_C8gKoPEbjk7Rc9OjIPwfBGUz1Uvitj107n7o

Clean Hands Help Prevent:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHISh559oho&fbclid=IwAR1HXs3pG0RP_seS7Hmyh6JDCYWc6P5NwHCH2FOe36CxMQsjmVXbGEU2XB0

Interview with Dr. Neil Nedley of Weimar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKjvOYp3D3Y&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0XIHMavXpRluEmLoxOJp5o8zZmaAwum6D7xP0MzpDErsSSB2z518BiRQI>

[1] <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nova-scotia-presumptive-cases-covid-19-coronavirus-1.5498463>





Sandy Lake Academy
Stephen Kibbee, Principal

Please keep up to date using the links listed below.

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

Website: www.sandylakeacademy.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy

Twitter: @SandyLakeAcadmy

Instagram: SandyLakeAcademy



Sandy Lake Academy Offering April 25, 2020

Sandy Lake Academy will be the recipient of the Maritime Conference Advance offering on April 25.

As the only Seventh-day Adventist school in the Maritimes, Sandy Lake Academy is providing a vital ministry for our youth and their families. Students are immersed in a strong academic program with solid Christian standards and are guided by dedicated Christian teachers and dorm parents.

Your sacrificial giving is crucial to enable Sandy Lake Academy to continue its ministry to our students and their families—daily impacting their lives for Christ. Your generous donations are always welcome and needed.

Please give generously! Thank you.

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

Steve Kibbee, Principal

Email: principal@sandylakeacademy.ca

Jill Kenney, Business Manager/Registrar

Email: secretary@sandylakeacademy.ca

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SLA Scholarship form is on page 34.

eSchool Scholarship form is on page 35. ■

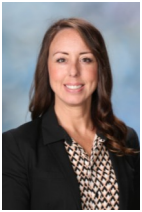


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As for me, I will call upon God,
and the Lord shall save me.
Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and cry aloud,
and He shall hear my voice.

Psalm 55:16,17



Camp Pugwash

Teresa Ferreira, Summer Camp Director

Camp Pugwash has always been a place of fun, connections, acceptance, spiritual highs and vibrant life. People flock to Pugwash as it sits as one of the jewels of Canada and in particular, the Maritime Conference. While the gates open May 15 and close October 15, providing a dynamic opportunity for camp life, its most influential programming is found in its Summer Camp Program. As an evangelistic tool, we are desiring to make Camp Pugwash more accessible to our families around the Provinces - Adventist and non. We've taken great strides to analyze numbers and research other camp programs to discover the right cost for the benefit of all involved, while maintaining the true evangelistic nature of our jewel on the ocean. We offer \$195/camp week this Summer for the first time in a long time. No hassle, no finagling discounts, no pressure...just pure, simple \$195 for your child or grandchild's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual pleasure.

Our 2020 theme for Camp Pugwash this Summer is the following:

"2020 Be The Light"

The focus at Camp Pugwash has always been to uplift the youth that come to us for a summer of great experiences and learning about how we can serve God. This summer of 2020 we are going to be exploring how we can be a light to the world. God has given each and everyone one of us the task to bring light to a dark and lonely world.

Matthew 5:14-16 says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Take a moment to look up at the incredible and awesome universe God has created. In the night's sky, billions of stars produce an incredible amount of light. What if you could have the same impact as those stars. What if when God said let there be light, he wasn't just talking about the sky, he was talking about you! Join us on our virtual summer camp this summer where YOU can find your true calling, where YOU can be the change, where YOU can be the light. #2020bethelight"

We invite all to be involved in supporting Camp Pugwash this Summer.

The following dates are important ones:

Virtual Summer Camps

Junior Camp	July 5-12
Teen Camp	July 12-19
Adventure Camp	July 19-25

Blessings In Service,

The 2020 Pugwash Admin Team

Teresa Ferreira, Camp Ministries Director
Kalee VanWart, Assistant Camp Director
Samara Belhomme, Co-Program Director
Oratile Mogae, Co-Program Director
Cheryl Hamilton, Spiritual Director



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July 5-12

Junior Camp - Virtual ONLY NOW

July 12-19

Teen Camp - Virtual ONLY NOW

July 19-25

Adventure Camp - Virtual ONLY NOW

July 24-August 1

Camp Meeting

August 2-9

RAD (Radical) Camp

August 2-16

DiscipleTrek Camp

Though these events may be cancelled and physical distancing practiced, let us not be distant in fellowship, faithfulness and love to each other, to our church and to our God.

LOVE

"THEY SHALL KNOW US BY
OUR LOVE."

**Children's Ministries**

Lorie Neily, Director

Cheer-Up! Cheer-up! sings the robins! Yes, those delightful birds have finally arrived here, heralding the news that the arrival of Spring is just around the corner. I am grateful each morning to hear the sounds of the birds. Praise God for the all the creatures great and small.

Vacation Bible School

As you look forward in the planning of events at the local church level, please consider hosting a VBS program in your community. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

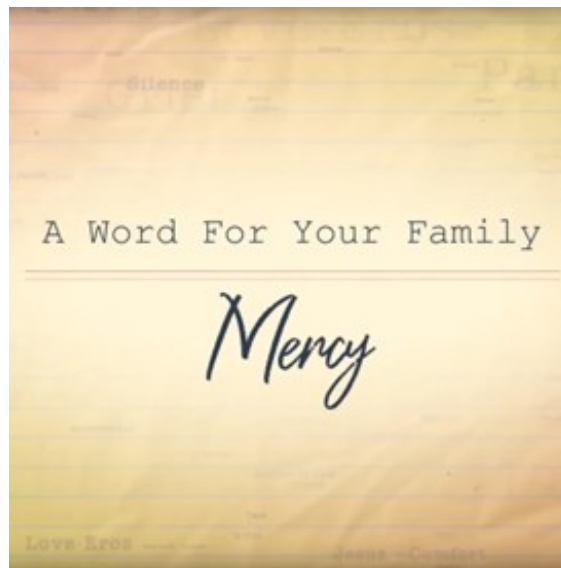
Sabbath School Program

The Maritime Conference is putting together a Children's Sabbath School program for use conference-wide while our Maritime churches are closed due to the COVID-19 physical distancing. Please watch for announcements and links to the new materials. ■



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

For ages 5-12, but all are invited to enjoy it!
www.discoverymountain.com



A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries: King Solomon wrote, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver," Proverbs 25:11 (ESV). Go to www.nadfamily.org/resources/a-word-for-your-family/ for 52 words and accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. They are words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully. Share with friends or show them in your church!

"I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide." Martin Luther



French Ministries

Guy Lacourse, Director

As we all know, 2020 is the year of missional evangelism for our Conference. And so it is in the French speaking sector. Here is what is happening worth mentioning:

1. The Dieppe church has voted a new name, a French one mind you! It was officially known as the Moncton French SDA Church (an english name for a French speaking church!!) and now is officially named Église Adventiste du Septième Jour de Dieppe (or in english, the Dieppe Seventh-day Adventist Church). Having your name in the language of the population you are trying to reach is vital.
2. The Dieppe church is now meeting in a new place in Dieppe, no longer in a home. That is largely because visitors were not at ease going to someone's home for sabbath worship and fellowship. The Dieppe church is very serious about growing and reaching Dieppe for Christ and we are proud of what they are doing.
3. In Bouctouche we are now moving forward with the projects associated with Plant1000. We have purchased a set of rolling banners in French for the Health Expo and are waiting to receive some video equipment to beam our worship and other activities online (and send to YouTube) so that other French speaking communities can watch and use our videos.
4. As French ministries we are trying to encourage Bouctouche, Dieppe and the French speaking brethren/sisters of Moncton to have activities together and work together when needed. For example, we plan to have at least one social activity to get together and enjoy the summer sun and a good potluck. We also pooled our human resources to make the Health Expo happen (in Bouctouche for now) and want to be able to help each other reach out in our specific territories. ■

"We should believe that God will answer our prayers, and not trust to feeling. We should say, 'My gloomy feelings are not evidence that God has not heard me...' We are to trust to the promise of God." EGW, *That I May Know Him*, p. 230

Actualités du Ministère auprès des francophones

Comme nous le savons tous, 2020 est l'année de l'évangélisation missionnelle pour notre Fédération. Et il en est de même dans le secteur francophone. Voici ce qui se passe et qui mérite d'être mentionné:

1. L'église de Dieppe a pris un nouveau nom, un nom français cette fois! Elle était officiellement connue sous le nom de Moncton French Church (un nom anglais pour une église francophone!!) et est maintenant officiellement nommée Église Adventiste du Septième Jour de Dieppe (ou en anglais, the Dieppe Seventh-day Adventist Church). Il est essentiel d'avoir votre nom dans la langue de la population que vous essayez d'atteindre.
2. L'église de Dieppe se réunit maintenant dans un nouveau lieu à Dieppe, et non plus dans une maison. Cela s'explique en grande partie par le fait que les visiteurs n'étaient pas à l'aise de se rendre chez quelqu'un, dans sa maison, pour le culte du sabbat et la communion fraternelle. L'église de Dieppe est très sérieuse dans sa volonté de grandir et d'atteindre Dieppe pour le Christ et nous sommes fiers de ce qu'elle fait.
3. À Bouctouche, nous allons maintenant de l'avant avec les projets associés à Plant1000. Nous avons acheté un ensemble de bannières déroulantes en français pour l'Expo Santé et nous attendons de recevoir du matériel vidéo pour diffuser notre culte et nos autres activités en ligne (et les envoyer sur YouTube) afin que d'autres communautés franco-phones puissent regarder et utiliser nos vidéos.
4. En tant que ministères francophones, nous essayons de faire en sorte que Bouctouche, Dieppe et les frères et sœurs francophones de Moncton organisent des activités ensemble et travaillent ensemble lorsque cela est nécessaire. Par exemple, nous prévoyons organiser au moins une activité sociale pour se réunir et profiter du soleil d'été et d'un bon repas-partage. Nous mettons également en commun nos ressources humaines pour réaliser l'Expo Santé (à Bouctouche pour l'instant) et nous voulons pouvoir nous entraider sur nos territoires spécifiques. ■



Health Ministries

Stephanie Schwarz, Director

How to Prevent COVID-19 ■

If any church is interested in hosting a Health Expo or having me come to speak at your church or present health talks, contact me at health@maritimesda.com.

Stephanie Schwarz is a Registered Nurse and Certified Health Coach.



COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, has been spreading around the world. Symptoms are coughing, fever, and difficulty breathing. Below are some steps you can take to protect yourself and those around you.



Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, especially with an unwashed hand.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your nose and mouth with an arm or tissue when sneezing or coughing.



Immediately throw tissues in a covered trash can and wash your hands right away.



Avoid large social gatherings.



Avoid shaking hands or other close contact greetings.



Wash and disinfect frequently used items, such as toys, electronics, and doorknobs.



If you are sick, stay home to avoid spreading illness to others.

For more information visit these websites:



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada

canada.ca



World Health
Organization

WHO.int



CDC.gov



KNOW THE DIFFERENCE: SELF-MONITORING, SELF-ISOLATION, AND ISOLATION FOR COVID-19

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



FEVER



COUGH



DIFFICULTY BREATHING

SELF-MONITORING



You have:

- ▶ no symptoms
- AND
- ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, in the last 14 days

SELF-ISOLATION

You have:

- ▶ no symptoms
- AND
- ▶ a history of possible exposure to the novel coronavirus due to travel outside of Canada or close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19

ISOLATION

You have:

- ▶ symptoms, even if mild
- AND
- ▶ you have been **diagnosed with COVID-19** or are waiting for the results of a lab test for COVID-19



SELF-MONITOR means to:

- ▶ **monitor yourself** for 14 days for one or more symptoms of COVID-19
- ▶ go about your day but **avoid crowded places** and increase your personal space from others, whenever possible

SELF-ISOLATE means to:

- ▶ **stay at home** and monitor yourself for symptoms, even if mild, for 14 days
- ▶ **avoid contact with other people** to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community in the event you become symptomatic

To be **ISOLATED** means to:

- ▶ **stay at home** until your Public Health Authority advises you that you are no longer at risk of spreading the virus to others
- ▶ **avoid contact with other people** to help prevent the spread of disease in your home and in your community, particularly people at high risk of severe illness outcomes such as older adults or medically vulnerable people



You need to **self-monitor** if:

- ▶ you have reason to believe you have been **exposed to a person** with COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you are in **close contact** with older adults or medically vulnerable people

OR

- ▶ you have **been advised to self-monitor** for any other reason by your Public Health Authority



Self-isolate if:

- ▶ you have travelled **outside of Canada** within the last 14 days

OR

- ▶ your Public Health Authority has identified you as a **close contact** of someone diagnosed with COVID-19

You need to **isolate** if:

- ▶ you have been **diagnosed** with COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you are **waiting to hear the results** of a laboratory test for COVID-19

OR

- ▶ you have been **advised to isolate at home** for any other reason by your Public Health Authority



If you develop symptoms, **isolate yourself from others immediately** and contact your **Public Health Authority** as soon as possible

If you develop symptoms, even if mild, **stay home, avoid other people** and contact your **Public Health Authority** as soon as possible

If your symptoms get worse, immediately contact your healthcare provider or **Public Health Authority** and **follow their instructions**

WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. FOR MORE INFORMATION:

📞 1-833-784-4397

@ canada.ca/coronavirus



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Staying Home, Staying Healthy

Maria McClean

The COVID-19 pandemic is here. Citizens of the world who are not essential workers have been advised to stay at home, work from home (if possible), and leave only for emergencies, short walks, and to obtain essentials – food, medication, etc. No one knows how long the restrictions on movement outside will last, so in the meantime, here are a few suggestions that you can try to stay healthy during partial or complete isolation, and/or when you have breaks from work if you are an essential worker.

Keep hydrated - with water (preferably). Among other things, water regulates body temperature, protects body organs and tissues, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, lessens the burden on the kidneys and liver by flushing out waste products, and helps to dissolve minerals and nutrients to make them accessible to the body (www.mayoclinic.org).

Maintain regular sleep patterns. Resist the urge to keep late nights because of a change in your daily routine. "Sleep plays a critical role in immune function, metabolism, memory, learning, and other vital functions" (<https://hms.harvard.edu>).

Eat well. This is not a time to binge on junk. "Like any fighting force, the immune system army marches on its stomach. Healthy immune system warriors need good, regular nourishment" (<https://hms.harvard.edu>).

Open the windows of your home for short periods every day. Closed living spaces lead to a buildup of dust, mould, odours, and potentially toxic substances. Exposure to these and other chemicals and pollutants over a prolonged period can cause headaches, nausea, irritation of eyes, throat and skin, muscle aches, and allergy-like symptoms (www.canada.ca).

Get off the seat and on your feet! Walk in the hallway of your home or around the block (if you're asymptomatic). Exercise on the treadmill, skip, jump, do pushups. Keep moving. According to Health Canada, physical activity is one habit that 'improves health and well-being. It reduces stress, strengthens the heart and lungs, increases energy levels, helps you maintain and achieve a healthy body weight and it improves your outlook on life' (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>).

As far as possible **take advantage of sunny days for a boost of vitamin D.** The scientific/medical community agrees that Vitamin D is important to the health of the immune system. Because we are not exposed to much direct sunlight throughout the winter months, it may be necessary to take a supplement (prescribed by a medical practitioner).

Laugh. We are in a pandemic – a serious situation. There are many moments, however, when laughter can help us survive periods of anxiety, depression, and endless news loops on the pandemic. Laughter stimulates the circulatory system, increases oxygen intake into the lungs and blood, decreases blood pressure, stimulates the production of endorphins that soothe and relax the mind, relieves pain, elevates the mood, and increases the activity of immune cells - among other benefits (www.mayoclinic.org).

As far as possible, while confined to the house, **engage in hobbies** that you enjoy. You can even develop new hobbies during this period.

Remember to follow all the infection control guidelines from the Public Health Agency of Canada in order to reduce the risk of being infected by COVID-19 – handwashing, cleaning and disinfecting, etc. Please refer to the **list of reminders** sent in a previous post.

For a few minutes, periodically every day, **walk away from the TV, phone, and social media.** No need to worry - they will be there when you return. Constant media overload and binging can weigh you down emotionally.

Play games with family members. Relax with **soothing music** of your choice. This might be a good time to dust off your musical instrument(s) and practise. These activities are therapeutic.

Time with family is precious but remember to snatch a few moments of solitude. Use these moments to focus on pleasant, positive thoughts.

Don't forget to connect with God at regular times throughout the day. He can be trusted to guide you through each moment - during and beyond the pandemic.

Be careful with the abundance of information from 'experts' who are popping up everywhere with all kinds of videos, statements, etc. Don't get sucked in because you want to get more information on the virus. Check the official sites* of trusted websites directly and use their information for facts and updates. (*World Health Organization, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Agency of Canada, Ministry of Health of Ontario, regional Public Health units).

Important MUST KNOW information Do not open email/text messages from people posing as representatives from civil/health authorities or hospitals. They may entice you to click on links or provide information so that they can infect your system and demand huge ransom amounts before restoring it. These cybercriminals take advantage of your impulsive clicking. Never download an attachment from an email you weren't expecting. Even if the sender appears to be from a familiar organization, the email address could be spoofed. *Stop, Look, and Think. Don't be fooled. KnowBe4.com*

**Pathfinder Ministries**

Brenda Henry, Director

We Are The Pathfinders Strong

"God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed. And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling" (Psalm 46:1-3).

In the spring of 1949, Henry Bergh, John Hancock, Clark Smith and Miller Brochet met for the MV Directors Council. John Hancock suggested to Henry Bergh that he write a Pathfinder song. Henry replied he was no song writer and wasn't even a musician.

A few months later, while driving to an appointment around 75 miles away, Henry started thinking about the need for a song. He thought he could write the words, so he started to compose a poem. He pulled over to the side of the road, took out a piece of paper and began to write. Once finished he took off

again and got down the road a way and starting to hum a tune. He added the words from his poem and the Pathfinder Song was created. Henry said that God gave him the tune because he was not a musician and he has never written a song before or since. He said "The Lord just gave it to me."

Ten years ago, when I restarted the Pathfinder club in St. George there were three clubs in the Maritimes. Today we currently have nine Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs and we have clubs in all three provinces. God has blessed us with growth and made our Pathfinder and Adventurer program stronger.

Over the past couple of months our Maritime Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs have been a strong component in our communities and churches. They have been helping with Christmas programs, youth lead vespers and helping in shelters and nursing homes. God has blessed us with a strong group of Directors, Teachers, Assistants and children, and he continues to be present in guiding us. ■



The eagle does not fight the snake on the ground. It picks it up into the sky and changes the battle ground, and then it releases the snake into the sky. The snake has no stamina, no power and no balance in the air. It is useless, weak and vulnerable unlike on the ground where it is powerful, wise and deadly.

Take your fight into the spiritual realm by praying and when you are in the spiritual realm God takes over your battles.

Don't fight the enemy in his comfort zone, change the battle grounds like the eagle and let God take charge through your earnest prayer.

You'll be assured of clean victory. Pray without ceasing.

I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said, "Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon." EGW, Early Writings, 73



Prayer Ministries
Erna McCann, Director

50 Weeks of Praying Against Criticism

A big thank you to those of you who have joined us in praying against the spirit of criticism that prevents the Holy Spirit from being poured out! If you would like to share a testimony of how this is changing you, and your church, please email us, or make up a little video and send to us. We are eager to hear about it!

If your church hasn't joined, yet, it isn't too late. You can download the pdf of the book, in either English or French, on our conference prayer page: <https://www.maritimesda.com/ministries/prayer-ministry>, or order the books online at: (English) <http://www.lulu.com/ca/en/shop/leif-koester/50-days-of-praying-against-criticism/paperback/product-24032379.html>, (French) https://www.amazon.fr/gp/product/B084DPTYTR/ref=as_li_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1642&creative=6746&creativeASIN=B084DPTYTR&linkCode=as2&tag=misterfast-21&linkId=324c0406ceacf4d36565ffaa3ed47272.

Book Recommendation... “*Answers to Prayer...*” by Roger Morneau

If you haven't read any of Roger Morneau's books, you are really missing out! His books, except for his autobiography (which is fascinating), are filled with testimony after testimony of how God used him to facilitate change in the lives of others through intercessory prayer. You will be amazed as you see how effective intercessory prayer can be.

Roger Morneau's prayer ministry is chronicled in his books, “Incredible Answers to Prayer,” “More Incredible Answers to Prayer,” “When You Need Incredible Answers to Prayer” and the small sharing book, “The Incredible Power of Prayer,” which consists of excerpts from the three previous books. God calls each one of us to stand in the gap for others—the ministry of intercessory prayer. These books will awaken and strengthen that desire in you.

If you are looking for inspiring, faith-building reading, I encourage you to purchase one or more of his books from the ABC Christian Bookstore in Oshawa.

—Wilma O'Dell

Testimony

Power of Prayer by Danielle Sutter

Prayer has had a huge impact in my life. God has worked in so many wonderful and miraculous ways for our family. He is always providing for our needs and wants. The windows of heaven truly have been

opened and poured out more blessings than we can receive. The first most powerful prayer was the prayer my husband prayed. “Lord, do whatever it takes to save me!” And next... “Lord, do whatever it takes to save my wife!” Those two prayers have had the most impact on our lives than any other, as those prayers truly humbled us both. Our next prayer that has really affected our lives and strengthened our faith in God in a powerful way was, “Lord, please provide us a place of our own, in the country, to raise our children!” It took some time (or what felt like a long time to us then), but God worked it all out in a truly miraculous way. We had little to call our own and went through some very testing trials...we call it our 3½ years of our time of trouble...and then God brought us to our new (to us) country home in Nova Scotia. He literally worked it out for us that we were given a 10 acre property with a house and a barn. It needed a lot of work, but we were happy to have a place in the country to call our own where we could have the freedom to raise our children God's way. It was hard to leave family and friends, but we were willing to go wherever God wanted us to go. There have still been many challenges and testing trials of faith, but God is always there and always faithful to us.

I have recently joined the morning Maritime Conference prayer call, and I have been so blessed. It has been a challenge for me for some time to get up so early in the morning, but God has been helping me, and I really enjoy that time in the morning gathered together with his people. God often wakes me up now before my alarm even goes off. If I am feeling too tired when I wake up, I just pray “Lord, give me the energy and strength I need to get up now,” and He always does. ■

Zoom...

Opportunities to pray with others daily, are abundant! We would love to have you join us:

Daily, 5-6:00 am, or 9:00 pm

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

Or call in by phone: 1-647-558-0588 and use Meeting ID: 150256885.

French Prayer Time...

Wednesday, 7:00 pm <https://zoom.us/j/5036448057>

Or by phone: 1-647-644-8057, Meeting ID: 5036448057



Youth

Ricky Schwarz, Director

Hi All,

This April, as most of you know, we are starting Bible Boot Camp. A nightly Bible study class on the doctrines as they are in Jesus Christ. It is our hope that these studies will not only disciple, train, and equip, but grow, those who take part, into a deeper relationship with Jesus. In these classes we are going to model how to give each study, while giving tips that we have learned in giving people Bible studies over the years. It should be a great resource for the young and old in our conference.

Here is a link to our Bible Boot Camp

Announcement video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4n08VW4TVc>

Studies are lead out by pastors Ricky, Zlatan, Carvil and Sean.

The platform that we will be using is YouTube.

(Here is the link to our new channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQlprGmuToMqCzXVEnwugHA>)

Make sure you, "Subscribe" to our channel and hit the "Bell" icon to be updated as soon as a new video is released.

It is our goal to go LIVE every night at 7pm

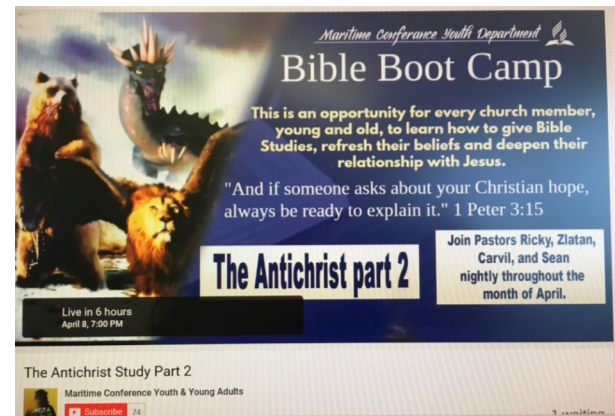
(except on Tuesday and Friday in which we will go LIVE at 5pm).

Thank you for passing on this information to as many people in our churches as possible.

By God's grace it will be used by Him to make a difference in the lives of people we will be spending eternity with. God Bless.

Watch for more information to come on the Maritime Youth facebook page. ■

Date	Topic	Presenter
April 1	Word of God (WG)	Pastor Ricky
April 2	Godhead (GH)	Pastor Sean
April 3	The Great Controversy (GC)	Pastor Carvil
April 4	Salvation (SV)	Pastor Zlatan
April 5	Work of the Spirit (WS)	Pastor Sean
April 6	The Law (TC)	Pastor Carvil
April 7	The Anti-Christ_1 (A1)	Pastor Ricky
April 8	The Anti-Christ_2 (A2)	Pastor Ricky
April 9	The Sabbath (SB)	Pastor Carvil
April 10	The Second Coming (SC)	Stephanie Schwarz
April 11	Millennium / New Earth (ML)	Stephanie Schwarz
April 12	State of the Dead (SD)	Pastor Carvil
April 13	Hell (HE)	Pastor Ricky
April 14	The Sanctuary (TS)	Pastor Ricky
April 15	The 70 Week Prophecy: Dan 9 (70)	Pastor Ricky
April 16	The Judgement_1: Why a Judgement? (J1)	Pastor Sean
April 17	The Judgement_2: AD 1844 (J2)	Pastor Sean
April 18	Mark of the Beast (MB)	Pastor Ricky
April 19	The Remnant Church (RC)	Pastor Ricky
April 20	Spiritual Gifts (The Gift of Prophecy) (SG)	Pastor Zlatan
April 21	Christian Living (CL)	Stephanie Schwarz
April 22	Baptism (BP)	Pastor Zlatan
April 23	Prayer (PR)	Pastor Zlatan
April 24	Health (HL)	Stephanie Schwarz
April 25	Stewardship (SS)	Pastor Ricky
April 26	Spiritual Discipline of Witnessing (DW)	Pastor Ricky



"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."
Matt. 26:41



The New Heart

A 10-Day Online Revival Series
Begins Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM PT

AMAZING FACTS

An Amazing Facts Online Revival Series!

The worldwide pandemic reminds us that we are nearing the return of Christ. Let's not put off the spiritual preparation we will all need as we face the final events.

As thousands are sobered by these momentous times and search for spiritual answers, especially during this Easter and Passover season, let's invite our friends and neighbors to join us in a time of forsaking sin and rededicating our lives to Christ.



FOR SALE

2005 34 ft Canyon River trailer (5th Wheeler)
Nicely situated on lot 2 in New Paradise with rear view overlooking ball field, at Camp Pugwash NS.

Including large deck, storage shed, deep freezer, washer, dryer, satellite dish and much more. Asking \$18,888.

In order to remain on this site, purchaser must be approved by Conference Administration. Contact David Streifling at (902) 577-7000.

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times." Martin Luther

Pair honoured with volunteerism award

CORINNE FITZHERBERT
THE VICTORIA STAR

Two beloved community volunteers were honoured for their years of service at a dinner held by the Perth Elks Lodge on Dec. 12.

Sister Almyre Doucet and Fred Clark received the Sewell Shaw Award for Volunteerism.

Ron Gaunce, past exalted ruler and president of the New Brunswick Elks Association, said the lodge created the award several years ago because it wanted to recognize people who volunteer in their community. He said Sister Doucet and Fred Clark received unanimous support as nominees.

"There is not one soul in this town who couldn't go on and on about what they have done for the community," Gaunce affirmed.

Dennis Clark spoke about Fred Clark, and the work that he has carried out in the community. As the driving force behind Care to Share

which provided furniture and other goods to people in need, Fred Clark has spent the last 20 years volunteering.

"Sometimes, I wondered how he could keep up," Dennis Clark said, noting Fred drove many miles to pick up donations of used furniture and to deliver it to homes throughout the region.

Dennis Clark said stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers and furniture of all descriptions were lifted and carried by the Care to Share volunteers. They even provided stove wood on occasion.

"We had a lot of things that we helped people with," he said.

Care to Share extended from Woodstock to Saint-Leonard, and volunteers even went to Fredericton and across the border into Maine a few times, the speaker noted.

"And Fred always had something for the little kids," he said of his kindness. "When you gave those kids a piece of candy, their faces would light right up."



Fred Clark's contributions to the community were recognized when he received the Sewell Shaw Award for Volunteerism during the Perth Elks Lodge Christmas dinner on Dec. 12. From left are: Ron Gaunce, past exalted ruler and president of the New Brunswick Elks Association, Darlene Clark, Fred Clark, Dennis Clark and Jonny Gagnon, exalted ruler. PHOTO: CORINNE FITZHERBERT/THE VICTORIA STAR

Although Care to Share ended earlier this year due to the advancing age of its volunteers, Fred Clark continues to lend people a hand.

"I think he helps to bring the community together," Dennis Clark said.

After receiving the award, Fred Clark, 79, said he always enjoyed serving others.

"It's been a real joy to help people," he said. "If you do care, you will share and that can be the model for each one of us. Go the extra mile!"

Fred Clark's son Gary also spoke in praise of his father and his kindness.

"You guys are so lucky to have him in this community!" he said.

Sadly, our brother Fred Clark passed away on January 21, 2020. He sleeps in Jesus, resting from his labors until the resurrection. His commitment to evangelism and helping "one of the least of these My brethren," has left an imprint on so many hearts and he will be dearly missed.

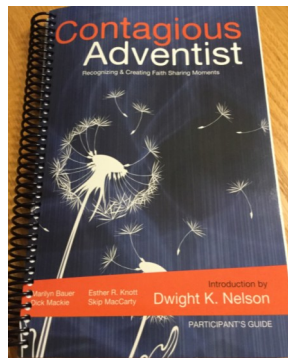
NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

HALIFAX

A Good “Contagious” to Possess

Not the contagious Coronavirus this time! It's called **CONTAGIOUS ADVENTIST!** To catch it you had to attend **nine sessions** at the Halifax SDA Church beginning January 10 and lasting for three weekends.

For a small fee, each student was given a user-friendly **Participant's Guide** (pictured right) containing a wealth of exciting and interesting material. Our capable facilitators were Pastor Gary Belhomme and his wife Claudine, who engaged every student in the **Questions/Responses** section as to how to share **cheerfully, winsomely and contagiously** the **Lord Jesus** and the **beautiful truths** He taught in His Word and that we love to share.



Dividing into groups of two or three to practice in a relaxed setting what we were learning, not only enabled us to share effectively but also to get to know each other better. **Many testimonies** shared in the

Participant's Guide were shared by those attending, thus making them come alive. The **highlight each evening** was the **timely video**, enjoyed by teens and adults alike, which very effectively portrayed what it's like to be a **Contagious Adventist**, the type you want to be around and be like!

May those who attended always be **Contagious!** And, may many more have the privilege to attend this **CONTAGIOUS ADVENTIST SEMINAR!**

“Believe
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[said
the
angel.]

EGW, Early
Writings, 73

Health Is Wealth 2020

The Halifax Health is Wealth 2020 weekend got off to a good start on the evening of February 14 with a live streaming video featuring Dr. Ernie Medina, Jr. from the Loma Linda School of Public Health. This very informative feature was organized and hosted by Natalie Wilson, health ministries leader of the Halifax SDA Church. Dr. Medina's topic was **The How and Why of Health** with his main passion being **Physical Activity**. He has developed a love of **Pickleball** and is working on a program of the game with an evangelistic thrust in mind. Several people joined the streaming asking pertinent questions and making interesting comments.

The next phase of this health program was presented during the 11:00 o'clock church service entitled **Get a NEWSTART—Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest, Trust in Divine Power**. The presenters were health committee

members—Alesha Simpson, David Hunt, Natalie Wilson, Dr. Bobby Rajan and Kenisse Trotman. During the presentations very colourful health brochures were distributed to the capacity congregation. Following this service, a **Heart Healthy Fellowship Meal** was served.

A special treat awaited us after lunch at 1:30 pm when **Dr. Bohdan Luhovyy**, Professor of Human Nutrition, from Mount Saint Vincent University, shared a study on the benefits of **PULSE (lentils, chickpeas, yellow split peas, white beans)** in one's diet. (pictured on right)

Following Dr. Luhovyy's presentation,



Dr. Chris Koilpillai, Cardiologist from the QE11 Hospital and Dalhousie University, gave great insights into the functioning of the heart and circulatory system, dangers and signs of a heart attack and what to do if experiencing one. Both doctors gave opportunity for questions at the end. Those attending could not help but be convinced of the validity of the health message given by God to the Seventh-day Adventist Church over 100 years ago through our modern-day prophet Ellen G. White.

This eventful day ended at the Sandy Lake Academy gym with games and other physical activities. A big **THANK YOU** to Natalie Wilson and the health committee for the effort put forth in this beneficial health awareness weekend.



OAK PARK

AKOMA Family Centre Inc

The church donated 24 filled book bags for AKOMA Family Centre Inc located at 1018 Main Street Dartmouth. AKOMA Family Centre Inc is dedicated to providing residential care services that enhance the health and well being of children, youth and families of Nova Scotia. AKOMA is a non-profit organization that uses a nurturing and trauma informed approach when working with children ages 3 to 13. Only children in care of the Department of Community Services can access their services. Care programs include music therapy, cooking, sensory time, and life skills. Structured activities include swimming, movies, arts and crafts, extracurricular activities include beach, nature walks, natural playground and sports.

Efforts are made to keep the children at the centre actively connected to their community and culture through participating in social and cultural gatherings, traditions and practices.

We completed 24 book bags to be given to make a child feel more welcome. Each book bag is packed with pjs, underwear, socks, hat and gloves, school supplies, colouring book with crayons, a soft blanket to cuddle and toys such as a stuffed animal, cars or something similar, doll, puzzle book, flash cards. Hygiene items: comb, toothbrush and paste. A homemade card accompanied each bag saying they are loved, your friends the Seventh-day Adventists. The cards were handmade by Lisa Atwood and the idea and putting together of the bags was directed by Veronica Smith.

PERTH-ANDOVER

Community Evangelism of Sorts

It was a privilege to have Dr. Rudy Davis present a series of health presentations on "The Immune System" last October. Our invitations brought some visitors, relatives, as well as our Amish friends. We were abundantly blessed and encouraged. Praise the Lord for Dr. Rudy's enthusiasm in sharing our beautiful health message. The gospel of health was intended to be the right arm of the gospel (Testimonies 6, page 288).

We are instructed to "scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn" (Colporteur Ministry, page 24.3). This past November, we mailed out 2,500 copies of the book "Ten Commandments Twice Removed" in Perth-Andover and surrounding communities. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray that the seeds planted may bear much fruit.

ST GEORGE

Annual Christmas Program

On December 14, the St George church held their annual Christmas program. Our hearts rejoiced amid the lovely decorations, the children's program and the many pieces sung by several of our members as well as some invited musicians from the community. Following the program, we enjoyed a time of fellowship while sampling a variety of tasty delights.



Bible Readathon

On February 22, we held a Bible readathon. Each participant was assigned several sections of the Bible to read silently. The objective was to read as much of the New Testament as possible within a short amount of time under one roof. We managed to read from the beginning of Matthew to the 3rd chapter of Galatians. There is power in the reading of His Word.



It is not now a perhaps or a possibility. I know that my Lord answers me, and it would be folly to doubt it. I am sure of this, for I have reaped it." Charles Spurgeon, *Prayer in the Life of the Believer*

TRURO

Quilting Ministry

Forty-four sick children had a little bit warmer Christmas this past year thanks to the quilting ministry of the Truro, Pugwash, and New Glasgow SDA churches in Nova Scotia. Headed by Jean and David Streifling, the churches prepared the handmade children's quilts in record time when an opportunity came to distribute them at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax—the largest pediatric hospital that serves patients in Atlantic Canada. This is the latest give away in a quilting ministry that has produced and shared over 450 quilts since its inception, including quilts for families who have lost their homes in fires, for people who are severely ill, and for new mothers. Each quilt has a Bible verse embroidered on the back as well as a message of love from our SDA church. There's a lot of material and supplies that go into each quilt (ranging from \$65 to \$200 depending on the size) and some of that is donated, while much of it is bought by the church members. If you have material to donate or money to help this ministry, you can contact Pastor Carvil Richards at carvil.richards@maritimesda.com.



BAPTISM

Maci Arielle Ricketts, was baptized by Gary Belhomme at Camp Pugwash during campmeeting on August 3, 2019. She was welcomed into the Halifax church fellowship on January 18, 2020. Maci is currently a hematology resident at Dalhousie School of Medicine.
(Pictured here with Halifax church clerk Brenda Kelsey.)



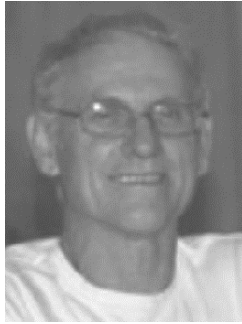
"Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence."
EGW, Steps to Christ, 94, 95

OBITUARIES

Clark, Fred P. —79, of Carlingford NB, passed at the Saint John Regional Hospital on January 21, 2020. Fred was born in Carlingford NB, on March 24, 1940. He was the son of the late Robert and Helen (Doughty) Clark. Fred leaves behind his loving wife of 58 years, Darlene Clark (Smith); his daughters, Donita Jardine (Max) of Buchanan MI, Penny Van Petten (Brian) of Ponoka AB; his sons, Gary Clark (Cheryl) of Presque Isle ME, Jim Clark (Janice) of Ponoka AB; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his sisters, Veronica Doody of Presque Isle ME, Mary Willette (Lenwood) of Georgia, Donna Clark-Gagnon of Presque Isle ME, Glenda Spittle (Greg) of Fort Fairfield ME; his brothers, Terry Clark (Mavis) of Brewer ME, Timothy Clark (Kathy) of Georgia; along with many nieces and nephews. Fred was predeceased by his parents; his sisters, Nancy Adams and Sandra Moorehouse; his brothers, Raymond, Dale, and Donald Clark.



Conrad, Robert Cecil—73, the family of Robert Cecil Conrad announced his death on February 10, 2020. Born on January 29, 1947, Robert was raised in Queensland, Nova Scotia where he developed a love of fishing at a young age. He followed that love into an over 55-year-long career as a bluefin tuna and mackerel fisherman in St. Margaret's Bay which gave way to him holding leadership roles with the Nova Scotia Mackerel Association and the St. Margaret's Bay Tuna Fisherman's Association. In addition to his love of fishing, Robert was a man of faith which led him to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 1991 from Atlantic Union College. While he chose fishing as his career, Robert was very involved in his church and his community. He was always willing to pitch in



where needed volunteering for various community organizations and church programs over the years. He embraced adventure and lifelong learning. One never knew what new project Robert would come up with or what new activity he would dive into. As a result, Robert had a wide circle of friends and connections, all of whom played a big role in bringing joy into his life. A truly multi-faceted man, Robert was deeply loved by his wife and children and the loss of his presence in their lives will be great. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughters Sarah (Jimmy) and Robin; grand-daughter Gemma; sisters-in-law Maureen (Russell) and Welda; uncle Murray (Julia); aunt Eva; and many nieces and nephews. Robert's family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Bruce Colwell, Janice R.N., Dr. Randy Colwell, and the nurses from the SSRH Mat-Child unit.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Fredericton church—The Embers of Hope Adventurers club in Fredericton performed marvelously in the Fredericton Christmas concert. After mens groups, ladies groups and family groups had performed various Christmas selections, the combined Fredericton Kingfisher Pathfinders and the Fredericton Ember of Hope Adventurers performed a chimes selection. Then a play on the true importance of Christmas followed. Great song selections and great acting enthralled the audience. The babies (and their parents) also performed a couple of simple Christmas songs. The church was full and praises for the awesome Christmas program echoed throughout the building afterwards. A bountiful potluck followed the event. (Pictured below)



Halifax church celebrated Black History Month in February. The Halifax church is multicultural, therefore, the emphasis was on diversity.



Pictured outside the Halifax church is a group dressed in colourful African dress.



Pictured are Nia Wilson, Marianna Dias and Heidi McBeth singing a song from Israel entitled "Dodi li" from the Song of Solomon.



Oratile Mogae, Grace Ingabire, Joy Bethel and Kem Ogoti lead the singing of 3 special songs: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" which is one of the most cherished songs of the African Civil Rights Movement, often referred to as the Black National Anthem. "Nara Ekele Mo" means to "receive my praise" in the Nigerian language. "There's No One Like Jesus" sung in English, Swahili, Kinyarwanda. Accompanied by Joseph Quammie on guitar and Oratile on piano.

Oak Park church is getting a jump on Christmas shoeboxes. We want to challenge ourselves to see how many we can do in a year and we're starting in February! Under the leadership of Veronica Smith, the children and other church members filled 35 boxes. After we all gathered to pray for each child who will receive the boxes. (pictured on right)

The Oak Park church has monthly vespers led by young AY leaders Nathan and Rebekah Hamilton. Weekly prayer meetings start off with supper beforehand.



St. George church started the year off in participating in the 10 days of prayer event. They formed two groups that met daily (as weather allowed) to pray and petition God's throne of grace. This proved to be an encouraging and uplifting experience. ■

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

St. George held a movie night on Feb. 18. The children were offered an age-appropriate movie as well. St. George and many Saint John church members tried their skills at bowling on Feb. 22. Some first timers did especially well. (pictured right) ■



[Y]ou must make an effort. Do not leave your closet until you feel strong in God; then watch, and just as long as you watch and pray you can keep these evil besetments under, and the grace of God can and will appear in you. EGW, Testimonies 1:158

Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship

The Board of Directors and Administration of the Maritime Conference is pleased to continue to offer funds for scholarships to support Christian education in the Maritimes.

The scholarship will be administered by the Maritime Conference Administrative Committee in consultation with the Maritime Conference Education Superintendent.

Purpose of Scholarship:

To financially support non-Sandy Lake Academy constituent students from Seventh-day Adventist families living in the Maritimes to attend Sandy Lake Academy.

Amount Available:

\$3,000.00 per student per school year for dormitory students.

\$1,500.00 per student per school year for non-dormitory students.

Qualification:

1. Parents or student must be a member of a Maritime Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church living in the Maritimes.
2. Student must be in grades 9 - 12.
3. Student must maintain an acceptable grade in all subjects.

Disbursement:

The scholarship will be paid on behalf of the student directly to Sandy Lake Academy.

The scholarship will be disbursed in two payments:

Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of January.

Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of January.

Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of June.

Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of June.

Any student who does not attend for the entire term will receive a pro-rated scholarship commensurate with the time period in attendance.

Application:

All applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the Conference by August 15.

Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship Application Form	
School Year Applied For:	
Name of Parents:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Church of Membership:	
Name of Student:	
Age:	
Grade:	
Signature of Local Pastor Recommending Student:	

Maritime Conference eSchool (PACeS/WCASC) Scholarship

The Board of Directors and Administration of the Maritime Conference is pleased to continue to offer funds for scholarships to support students in the Maritimes who wish to enroll in Alberta's online PACeS program or British Columbia's online WCASC program.

The scholarship will be administered by the Maritime Conference Administrative Committee in consultation with the Maritime Conference Education Superintendent.

Purpose of Scholarship:

To financially support Maritime students who do not have access to a local Seventh-day Adventist Constituent School and who enroll in the PACeS or WCASC program.

Amount Available:

\$35.00 per student per month for ten months for K-6.

\$50.00 per student per month for ten months for 7-9.

Qualification:

1. Parents or student must be a member of a Maritime Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church living in the Maritimes.
2. Student must be in grades K - 9.
3. Student must maintain an acceptable grade in all subjects.

Disbursement:

The scholarship will be paid on behalf of the student directly to PACeS or WCASC.

The scholarship will be disbursed in two payments: January and June.

Any student who does not attend for the entire term will receive a pro-rated scholarship commensurate with the time period in attendance.

Application:

All applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the Conference by August 15 of the upcoming school year.

Maritime Conference eSchool (PACeS/WCASC) Scholarship Application Form	
School Year Applied For:	
eSchool Program:	
Name of Parents:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Church of Membership:	
Name of Student:	
Age:	
Grade:	
Signature of Local Pastor Recommending Student:	

**Adventist Development & Relief Agency**20 Robert Street West 1.888.274.ADRA (2372)
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At ADRA, we have officially closed our office temporarily, following the recommendations of the government of Ontario. All of our staff are working from home. We still all get together for virtual worships and meetings every day on Zoom and other internet technologies. Some of us are struggling to adjust to the rhythm working from home while juggling parenting and other responsibilities, but much work is still getting done!

We have assembled a lot of good information on COVID-19 along with safe links to other trusted sites. If your church is closed and you would like to watch something online, we have prepared some sermons that you can watch, share, and download. Also, be sure to check out our new video podcast, the [ADRA Insider!](#)

The emergencies that ADRA usually responds to are earthquakes, floods, cyclones, wildfires, and civil conflicts. COVID-19 is a new kind of challenge for us! Many of the people we help are living in refugee camps where sanitation is limited and social distancing is impossible. An outbreak would quickly become widespread and take many lives.

Emergencies we are working on: Providing clean water in the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian. Making masks and gowns in the Philippines, supporting ADRA Australia's relief work after the bushfires in Cobargo. We know that your prayer list is probably quite long these days, but we ask that you add the world's vulnerable people to your petitions.

The needs are going to be great and ADRA pivots to meet the needs of people during this worldwide crisis. We will be starting by assisting the needs of people right here in Canada through the financial support of food banks.

Donations mailed in from our faithful supporters are still being processed, but online giving would be the best way to continue supporting ADRA during this time. At our website, you can easily give a one-time gift or set up an automatic monthly donation with a credit card or bank account.

Please stay safe. Keep a distance from your neighbours, but give your kids lots of hugs.

Maritime Conference COVID-19 Statement:

"The Bible has powerful messages for every occasion. God wants us to live a healthy life. 'Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.'

(3 John 1:2)

We should not allow this to create an atmosphere of fear and instability amongst us. We need the balance of faith and common sense precautions during this time as we rest assured in the Hope and Wholeness of Jesus Christ. See the Official link to our Press Release and Information Sheet at www.maritimesda.ca."

**ADMINISTRATION**



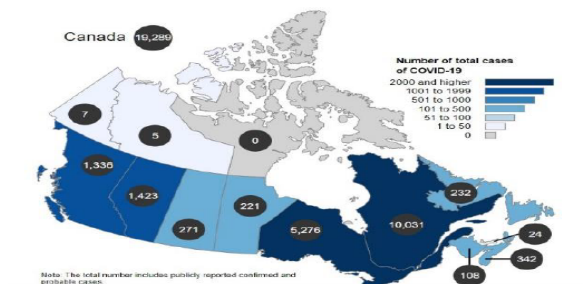
COVID-19 Situation Report No. 02 – April 8, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Canadian companies have answered the government's call for the manufacture of hundreds of thousands of ventilators, masks and hospital gowns for domestic use.
- Alberta allows anyone 65 and older with possible symptoms to be tested for COVID-19
- Winnipeg, Manitoba, is the latest Canadian city to declare a Local State of Emergency on April 3, 2020
- Canada begins clinical trial of experimental COVID-19 treatment using plasma from recovered individuals

Fast facts:

- Number of total cases nationwide - 19,289
- Number of deaths - 435
- Number of recovered - 4,380
- Highest number of cases provincially (Quebec) - 10,031
- Lowest number of cases (Nunavut) - 0
- Number of provinces w. declared state of emergency - 12
- Current Canadian response projects to COVID-19 - 09



SITUATION OVERVIEW

Information on the Emergency

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus (SARS-CoV) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020 and a pandemic on 11 March. **Presently there are 1,513,358 confirmed cases worldwide, according to figures published by the John Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center.**

The date of symptom onset of the first case of COVID-19 in Canada was January 15, 2020.

People Affected

- Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have doubled (2.3) since last week with the highest reported rates continuing in Quebec (10,031) and Ontario (5,276). Alberta has surpassed British Columbia (1,336) for third highest in the country with (1,423) confirmed cases according to the Public Health Agency of Canada in coordination with provincial public health authorities.
- Public health efforts continue to focus on containment isolation and physical distancing. The Government of Canada this week announced further action under the [Plan to Mobilize Industry](#), a made-in-Canada plan to manufacture protective gear and medical equipment to respond to the outbreak. In one example of Canadian cooperation, Jon Stanfield, president and CEO of Stanfield's Ltd. will use a fabric developed by packaging-products company Intertape Polymer Group to produce protective medical gowns in the Stanfield garment factory located in Truro, Nova Scotia
- To date, nearly 5,000 Canadian companies have so far offered their expertise and capacity to this and other PPE and ventilator manufacturing efforts.

Humanitarian Situation

Confirmed Cases (April 08, 2020)

- British Columbia - health officials reported 45 new cases, 1,336 confirmed cases, and 48 total deaths.
- Saskatchewan - recorded 11 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total to 271
- Manitoba – 4 new probable cases bring the province's total to 221
- New Brunswick - 3 new cases raised the province's total of 108 cases.
- Quebec– There are now 175 dead in Quebec. The number of confirmed cases has doubled (5,869) since last week and now sits at 10,031.
- Alberta - 50 new cases this week brought the number of confirmed cases in Alberta to 1,423
- Newfoundland – 4 more cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Newfoundland and Labrador this week for a new total of 232 cases
- Prince Edward Island - 4 new cases of COVID-19 were identified this past week, bringing the province's total to 24
- Nova Scotia - 195 cases were announced 195 this past week, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 342
- Yukon - 3 has 8 confirmed cases, an increase of only three from last week.
- Ontario - 2884 more cases was announced this past week, bringing the total number of infected patients in Ontario to 5,276

ADRA's RESPONSE

Needs Assessment

ADRA Canada continues to use information and data provided by federal, provincial and territorial governments, the Emergency Management NGO Consortium of Canada (EMNCC), Provincial NGO alliances like the NGO Alliance of Ontario, SDA conferences and local churches to identify, communicate and coordinate a national COVID-19 response.

ADRA's Response Activities

Nationally:

ADRA Canada in partnership with the SDACC (Canadian Union), ADRA International and local conferences have established a COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Fund of \$225,000 CAD to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 in the following sectors:

- Basic essential needs such as food, and non-food items and services
- Psychosocial support – setting up support helplines through each conference to provide short-term counseling and on-on-one support.
- Youth and family engagement – creative ways to involve/engage youth and families.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Media

Please visit ADRA Canada's website for information and updates: <https://www.adra.ca/be-prepared-for-covid19/>



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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.

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
June 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 and is the easiest way to view the Maritime Pulse.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please be sure to let your church clerk know if your address has changed or will be changing. This helps to keep our records up-to-date, as well as ensuring that you will continue to receive the Messenger and Adventist Journey magazines. If you're not receiving these magazines, please contact your local church clerk, or Jullie Bannister at the conference office by Phone 506.857.8722 Ext 201, Fax 506.853.7368 or Email info@maritimesda.com.

MARITIME CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2020

March	Women in the Church Focus	
Mar. 28	Maritime Advance	Offering
Mar. 28	13th Sabbath-Inter-European Div.	Offering
April	Stewardship Focus	
April	Bible Boot Camp	Maritime Youth Youtube
Apr. 4	Missionary Magazines Promotion	
Apr. 4	Local Church Budget	Offering
Apr. 6	Clerk Statistical Report Due	Conference
Apr. 11	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	Digital #
Apr. 11	Cdn Christian Record Services	Offering
Apr. 18	Local Church Budget	Offering
Apr. 25	Sandy Lake Academy	Offering
May	Community Services Focus	
May 1-31	Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month	
May 2	Local Church Budget	Offering
May 4-10	Screen-Free Week	
May 9	Disaster/Famine Relief	Offering
May 16	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	Digital #
May 16	Local Church Budget	Offering
May 23	Maritime Advance	Offering
May 30	Canadian French Media Ministries	Offering
June	Church Growth and Evangelism Focus	
Jun. 1	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Jun. 6	Local Church Budget	Offering
Jun. 13	Cdn Indigenous Ministries	Offering
Jun. 20	Local Church Budget	Offering
Jun. 27	Maritime Advance	Offering
Jun. 27	13th Sabbath-Trans-European Division	Offering

2020 MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS

Canadian Union and Southwestern Union Offering

MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS

The Maritime Conference office is closed due to COVID-19 social distancing at this time. Please contact us via email or cell phone as listed below.

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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"If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision."
EGW, Christ Object Lessons, p. 173.

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April 8, 2020

“Church is not a building where people meet a few hours a week, it's a people. We should work to extend the church experience beyond the confines of time and space in a building to an involved community that provides 24/7 support not only to members but also to our broader contacts.

~Jamie Domm, NAD Digital Evangelism

Dear Maritime Adventist Employees and Members,

The Maritime Conference Board of Directors has voted to keep our church buildings closed until April 30. On or before this date there will another reassessment of the situation. It is important to note that our provinces are still in a state of emergency, and we are calling for all our members to stay home, be safe and practice the already released proper protocols to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Though we are not opening our buildings and are practicing physical distancing, let us not be distant in fellowship, faithfulness and love to each other, to our church and to our God! In the early church of Acts, there were many mandates, policies and regulations during that Roman time, but it did not impede the furthering of the Gospel. The Holy Spirit worked in and through people like never before in earth's history. Let this time be known as such - where we ministered as God's servants to a hurting world with the distinct message of *hope* and *wholeness* through the power of *Christ our Righteousness*.

Please take this time to reevaluate life; read through the final 10 chapters of The Great Controversy; be financially conscientious; see the value in the simple; give to God like never before with your time, talents and money; spend a thoughtful hour each day reflecting on the life of Christ, in particular His final hours; remember to value ALL people; and live lovingly in the grip of His grace - completely surrendered and sufficiently filled with His Spirit. Know that you are prayed for!

Blessings In Service,



Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary
(Acting Interim President)
Maritime Conference of the Seventh-day
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"THEY SHALL KNOW US BY
OUR LOVE."