



## Time To Say Goodbye

In spite of the fact that humanity is equipped with a whole range of emotions, we find ourselves at times very careful before whom we may exhibit those feelings. Oddly enough, this is often true of love and affection for another person. Before I was introduced to Christ and the world of Adventism, I was not accustomed to hugging people—and men in particular. This was not in our *‘behavioral programming.’* We just didn’t do this kind of thing. I don’t even remember kissing my dad or even giving him a hug. Truth be told, I suspect he may not have wished it—not because he didn’t love me—it just wasn’t done. I don’t know if it was because it was considered inappropriate or whether it was just a case of discomfort at giving expression to our feelings.

A lot has changed since then. It’s amazing how God is able to refashion a man to His liking. I no longer have any qualms about the occasional hug. However, I still don’t feel comfortable crying in public. Guess Jesus isn’t finished with me yet. Thankfully, as Red Green’s prayer would have it, *“I’m a man... but I can change... if I have to... I guess.”*

So, where am I going with all this? Janice and I are all too aware of our present circumstances. Yes, our plan is to possibly return to Ontario to be closer to family. But the truth is (*and we’ve discussed this a number of times*) our hearts are still with you, our church family. We may be leaving bodily, but in our minds and hearts, we will always be near you. We are reminded of Ruth’s touching response to her mother-in-law when she tried to persuade her to leave her that she may go alone to her people. Ruth’s earnest plea was, *“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”*

## Le moment de se dire au revoir

Bien que l’humanité soit capable de toute une gamme d’émotions, il nous arrive des fois de faire preuve d’une certaine pudeur quand il s’agit de les exprimer en public. Assez curieusement, cela est souvent le cas en matière d’amour et d’affection à l’endroit d’une autre personne. Avant de connaître le Christ et le monde de l’Adventisme, je n’avais pas l’habitude d’embrasser les gens—les hommes en particulier. Cela ne faisait pas partie de notre *‘programmation comportementale.’* Ce n’était juste pas dans nos habitudes. Je ne me souviens même pas avoir embrassé mon père—ou même lui avoir donné une accolade. À vrai dire, je ne pense pas qu’il l’aurait souhaité—non parce qu’il ne m’aimait pas—cela ne se faisait tout simplement pas. Était-ce parce qu’un tel geste était considéré comme inapproprié ou était-ce tout simplement la gêne à exprimer nos émotions? Je ne le sais pas.

Beaucoup de choses ont changé depuis. C’est très étonnant combien Dieu est capable de remodeler un homme à Sa guise. Je ne m’en fais plus des embrassades. Cependant, je me sens toujours mal à l’aise de pleurer en public. J’imagine que Jésus a encore du travail à faire avec moi. Dieu merci, comme Red Green le dit dans sa prière: *« Je suis un homme... mais je peux changer... si j’y suis obligé... j’imagine. »*

Voyons, où est-ce que je m’en vais avec tout ceci? Janice et moi sommes bien trop conscients de nos circonstances présentes. Oui, notre plan est possiblement de retourner en Ontario pour être plus près de notre famille. Mais la vérité est (et nous en avons parlé un nombre de fois) nos cœurs sont encore avec vous, notre famille dans la foi. Oui, nous partons physiquement, mais dans nos esprits et dans nos cœurs, nous serons toujours près de vous. Il nous vient à l’esprit la réponse très touchante que donna Ruth à sa belle-mère quand cette dernière l’enjoignait de la laisser et de retourner chez les siens. La requête fervente de Ruth était: *«--N’insiste pas pour que je te quitte et que je me détourne de ta route; partout où tu iras, j’irai; où tu t’installeras, je*

*Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you*" (Ruth 1:16, 17 ESV). We may no longer live in the Maritimes, but in spirit, we will always be here with you.

What is most needful now is for the work that God has laid out for us to continue to its completion. It isn't finished yet. There are precious souls everywhere who need to capture the spiritual depth of our message. Jesus needs to be seen in His matchless charms. Do we have neighbours and friends who haven't been introduced to Him? And what about our children? Our young adults? Somehow, more needs to be done for their eternal destiny.

One final word to our brothers and sisters in the Maritimes: Keep the faith. Continue to move forward. And keep your eyes fixed on our incredibly wonderful Savior. As the song goes: *"Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!"* Then, on that fateful day, we will be reunited never to part again. Perhaps then, I won't feel so uncomfortable shedding a few tears in public. And no doubt, they will be tears of joy.

Till we meet again. ■

John & Janice Fournier  
Maritime Conference

*m'installerai; ton peuple sera mon peuple et ton Dieu sera mon Dieu. Là où tu mourras, je mourrai aussi et j'y serai enterrée. Que l'Éternel me punisse avec la plus grande sévérité, si autre chose que la mort me sépare de toi!* » (Ruth 1.16, 17 BDS). Oui, bien que physiquement loin des Maritimes, en esprit, nous serons toujours ici avec vous.

Ce qui est le plus important maintenant c'est l'œuvre que Dieu nous appelle à mener à terme. Le travail n'est pas fini encore. Il y a des âmes précieuses partout qui ont besoin de saisir la profondeur spirituelle de notre message. Elles doivent voir Jésus et ses charmes incomparables. Avons-nous des voisins et des amis qui ne le connaissent pas? Et qu'en est-il de nos enfants? De nos jeunes adultes? D'une manière ou d'une autre, nous devons faire davantage pour leur destinée éternelle.

Un dernier mot à nos frères et sœurs des Maritimes: Gardez la foi. Continuez d'aller de l'avant. Gardez vos yeux fixés sur notre Sauveur incroyablement merveilleux. Comme nous le chantons: « Bientôt et très bientôt, nous allons voir le Roi! » Alors, en ce jour-là, nous serons réunis sans jamais avoir à nous dire au revoir. Alors, peut-être, je ne me sentirai pas si gêné de verser quelques larmes en public. Et nul doute, ce seront des larmes de joie.

Au jour du grand rendez-vous! ■

John & Janice Fournier  
Conférence Maritime

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## New President Elected



On February 12, 2017, the Maritime Conference board of directors, with the assistance of SDACC President Mark Johnson, elected Pastor Paul Llewellyn to be their new president. Llewellyn will succeed Pastor John Fournier, who has served as president of the Maritime Conference since 2010, and announced his retirement last year.

Elder Johnson affirms, "I am confident that [Pastor Llewellyn] will provide excellent leadership in this important region of our church."

Pastor Llewellyn comes with many years of experience working for the Seventh-day Adventist church as a teacher and pastor. He has served as a teacher, camp director, and principal in Ontario and Ohio before moving to the Maritimes.

His most recent postings at the Maritime Conference have been as executive secretary, educational superintendent, youth director and camp director. A search is now underway to find a replacement for Llewellyn's current duties. He will begin his new role as president on April 1, 2017.

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Please take an opportunity to extend your congratulations to Paul and Sonya as they take up the challenge.

You have an opportunity to play a big role in his success by giving him your support, love and continual prayer.



## Secretary Report

Paul Llewellyn, Secretary

### Conference Board of Directors Information

The following actions are the major items of important information:

- **New President:** On February 12, 2017, the board of directors met, after a lengthy process with a selection committee, to elect Paul Llewellyn as new President of the Maritime Conference, effective April 1, 2017.
- **Executive Secretary, Education Superintendent and Camp Director:** On February 20, 2017, the board of directors met to appoint Teresa (VanWart) Ferreira as Executive Secretary, Education Superintendent and Camp Director. Mrs. Ferreira is currently the principal at Coralwood Academy in Edmonton AB and will be moving to the Maritimes with her husband and daughter this summer.
- **Youth Director:** To appoint Ricky Schwarz II as Youth Director, on top of his current duties in his pastoral district. Paul Llewellyn will fill the role of his assistant so that this extra responsibility will be manageable.
- **New Departmental Director -Pastor Care:** To appoint Métard Salomon to serve as Pastor Care Director.
- **New Departmental Director -French Ministries:** To appoint Guy Lacourse to serve as French Ministries Director.

Please continue to pray as our conference seeks to serve in the various areas of ministry.

If any of you have any thoughts or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact Paul Llewellyn at paul.llewellyn@maritimesda.com. ■

The Maritime Conference would like to announce the appointment of Teresa (VanWart) Ferreira as our new Executive Secretary, Education Superintendent, and Camp Director. Mrs. Ferreira succeeds Paul Llewellyn, who was elected as president of the Maritime Conference on February 12, 2017.

### New Executive Secretary Appointed



Mrs. Ferreira is currently the principal of Coralwood Academy in Edmonton, AB and will be assuming her new portfolio this coming summer. She joins us with her husband, Brian and 1-year-old daughter, Sophia.

Teresa attests that the passion to keep people in our church and spiritually on fire for an absolute God of love in a world that triumphs compromise is woven into every detail of who she is and what she represents. She considers her ministry for God to be the lifeblood of her very soul, and challenges people to hold fast to Psalm 16:8 and “*not be moved.*”

“We are proud to have Mrs. Ferreira join the administrative team at the Maritime Conference. Her vast experience in education and youth ministries will be a powerful resource and asset to our small Conference. All three provinces are now fully represented by birth, of all three officers for the Maritime Conference,” states Paul Llewellyn.

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**Treasury Report**  
Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

We closed January with a small tithe increase of \$6,500 over the previous year and it looks like February will exceed the previous year as well.

Are you praying every day that the Lord will grant to our membership the grace of beneficence, working in cooperation with God's plan for tithes and offerings?  
Your Conference Prayer Team is.

We are praying specifically for the necessary funding so our programs won't suffer. As a result, we have hired a pastoral couple, Franz & Kiah Unger, to serve our church in North Sydney.

I believe those daily prayers were answered by **a record breaking tithe year in 2016**, \$1,931,145. Why don't you think about joining us and becoming a witness to answered prayer?

I am close to finishing our 2016 year-end entries for presentation to our auditors. It looks like we will end 2016 with a small, approximately \$35,000 surplus. Much better than the projected \$107,000 deficit. Praise God!

A special treat is in store for you at our Spiritual Emphasis weekend this year. Speaker Dennis Priebe is a well-known speaker for Christ's righteousness. Furthermore, he will be accompanied by his son, Matthew, who will have a talk on creation. Plan on attending, otherwise you will be disappointed. Promise.

The registration form and promotional poster is included in this issue of the Pulse. You will find them on pages 5 and 6.

For those interested in the pricing for meals and accommodations during campmeeting at Camp Pugwash, this information is found below. Contact Jullie Bannister for booking accommodations and more information at [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com) or 506.857.8722 Ext 201. ■

Camp Pugwash rental and meal charges for 2017	<b>Camp Pugwash 2017</b>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>Trailer</u>
	<b>Rental for:</b>	<u>Campmeeting</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>(May 15-Oct 15)</u>	<u>Storage</u>
	Cabin-Rustic	\$229	\$33	\$591	
	Single/Double Cabin-Rustic	\$257	\$38	\$673	
	Barracks	\$280	\$38	\$754	
	Youth Cabin (sm)	\$306	\$45		
	Youth Cabin (lg)	\$322	\$45		
	Guest Cabin (if available)	\$343	\$50		
	Single Women's Cabin (if avail)	\$82	\$20		
	Trailer w/electric hookup	\$197	\$38	\$619	
	Paradise	\$322	\$45	\$902	*Grandfathered trailers only
	Trailer Park (new)	\$338	\$47	\$1147	\$214*
	Tents (in designated areas)	\$148	\$21		
	Tent w/electric hookup	\$172	\$30		
	Private Cabin renewal			\$798	
<b>Meals: Breakfast/Supper \$9.00 Dinner \$10.00 Children under 6 yrs \$6.00 per meal</b>					

# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEKEND

JUNE 2-4, 2017

CAMP PUGWASH

with

Dennis Priebe

*"Righteousness  
by Faith  
in the End-time"*

**Meet Dennis Priebe**

Dennis Priebe's one desire is to prepare people for, what he believes to be, the very soon return of Jesus to this world and that the only way God's people will ever fulfill their divine commission of preparing the way so that Jesus can return is through a clear understanding and a corresponding experience of the total gospel of Christ our Saviour.



**Meet Jorge Torres  
Youth Speaker**

Jorge Torres' life is a true example that Jesus can change anybody. That Jesus gives life and life more abundantly. Pastor Torres shares his life testimony along with sharing the gospel. His message is sure to inspire, motivate and draw people closer to a loving, forgiving and accepting Saviour.



Friday Night:	7:00 pm	Will the Real Gospel Please Stand Up?
Sabbath Morning:	9:30 am	What is Sin?
	11:00 am	How Did Christ Live?
Sabbath Afternoon:	3:00 pm	What is Possible for Us?
Sunday Morning:	9:00 am	Can the Blind Watchmaker Account for This?
	10:45 am	Open Forum on Worship Services

Cost is \$50 per person or \$100 maximum for family of 2 or more to help cover basic costs. **Pastor Jorge Torres is coming to speak to the youth-\$30 per person. There is a program for children age 6-12.** Let us know how many children/and age are coming. We do need for you to register and let us know how many people plan to eat in the cafeteria, so the dietary staff can plan the simple meals. We are not able to accommodate special dietary needs, come prepared.

Submit registration form **by May 23, 2017** to the Maritime Conference office.  
Contact Jullie Bannister at 506-857-8722 Ext 201 or  
info@maritimesda.com or fax 506-853-7368.



### Church Services—Is It Time For Change?

For over a century we have been conducting Sabbath School and our Church Services in a relatively similar manner. Think how different our world would be if society did everything the same as it did back in the early 1900s.

Whether we like to admit it or not, the world has moved on and many different generations later the world’s population wants to have their needs met in different ways. And that is not necessarily a bad thing.

This applies to the way we worship God as well. For example, Psalm 100:1, 2 states, “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.” Do you feel like “shouting for joy” at your church service? In Hebrew, the word translated as “gladness” or “joy” means “a glad shout, such as *loyal subjects might utter when the king appears among them*, the emphasis being on the gladness.” (James Boice, Psalms, vol 2 Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1971, 811.) And whether you are a demonstrative person or a “silent shouter,” one thing is for certain; if you experience joy, you will be back!

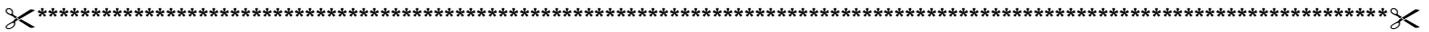
In the book *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, page 162 we read “Let not those who have a mechanical

way of doing things, take complete charge of the {Sabbath} School and mold it into formal ways, into precise habits, and yet all its life stifled in a multiplicity of regulations.”

Do you have suggestions for improving our Church, Sabbath School, and Prayer Meeting services and would you appreciate a platform to express those ideas? Your time has come!

At the conclusion of our Spiritual Emphasis weekend, June 2-4, 2017, at Camp Pugwash, we plan to host an ‘open mike’ opportunity for you to express your thoughts on this topic. Our goal would be to consolidate those thoughts and summarize them in a document that churches could discuss, edit in accordance with their local needs, and implement as they see fit. It would be helpful for all churches to ensure at least one representative is present to share their church views.

Bring your ideas and plan to stay for the open forum discussion for an extra hour or so; starting at 10:45 am, Sunday June 4. It could prove to be your finest hour. ■



## *Righteousness by Faith in the End-time*

Registration Form      **Spiritual Emphasis Weekend**      **June 2-4, 2017**      **Camp Pugwash**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$50 per person or \$100 maximum for family of 2 or more**

\_\_\_\_ # of children age 6-12 (no additional charge)

\_\_\_\_ # YOUTH \$30.00 each

**Meals:** \_\_\_\_ # in family requesting meals for weekend      or      just need this # per meal selected:

**Accommodation Request:**

**Cabin:**    \_\_\_\_ **Single** (room alone)  
              \_\_\_\_ **Double**, Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Family cabin**, \_\_\_\_ # in immediate family

**Other:**    \_\_\_\_ **Trailer site** – electrical only (playground field)

\_\_\_\_ **Seasonal:** **Cabin #** \_\_\_\_ **Trailer #** \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sab Breakfast    \_\_\_\_ Sun Breakfast  
\_\_\_\_ Sab Lunch        \_\_\_\_ Sun Sack Snack  
\_\_\_\_ Sab Supper

(Those staying in cabins will need to bring bedding and \*portable heaters {\*if you have one, as we have a limited supply at camp}.)

**Registration Deadline:    May 23, 2017      Register before April 27 and get a 10% discount!**

**Return completed form to: Maritime Conference, 121 Salisbury Rd, Moncton NB E1E 1A6**

**Email: info@maritimesda.com or Fax: 506.853.7368**



## Education

Paul Llewellyn, Superintendent

Sandy Lake has been very busy with their program. I will let them fill you in on all the details. Thank you to Tracy DeMerchant for putting together the news. ■

## News From Sandy Lake Academy

Sandy Lake Academy has some new faces this year and we thought we'd take some time to ask them about their decision to change schools. We can often learn a lot about our school's strengths and weaknesses through new eyes.

### 1. Why did you choose to come to SLA?

- I chose SLA because my cousins study here and they recommended this school to me.
- Because my mom wanted me to go to a Christian school.
- My family decided to send me here all the way from Africa because as a Muslim student, studying in a Christian school is very educative and helpful because they do not judge you from where you come from or what you are; you just feel the love around.
- Because my old school didn't teach much.
- I have a not-so-great home life and SLA was a refuge.
- The religious and musical aspects appealed to me and I had heard good things about the school.
- My mom was attracted by the fact that SLA is a Seventh-day Adventist school (the same church as her mom). I was attracted to the music classes.
- For a better education.

### 2. What is your first impression?

- My impressions were WOW! It's a really nice school.
- The kindness of all the students and school's staff.
- It is a peaceful environment.
- My first impression was a very good feeling of relief and being blessed to be in such a wonderful and beautiful place with amazing people.
- It's a small, religious school but the people are really nice. I like their music.
- Everyone, including teachers, were very nice and willing to help.
- At first it was very different but a good different (I'm used to public school and SLA is so much better).

### 3. How does Sandy Lake Academy differ from your last school?

- My last school was a public, French school and we didn't wear a uniform.
- SLA is much smaller and it is better and a calmer study environment compared to where I was before.
- My old school was smaller but with more people.
- This school is amazing. You can say whatever you want and do whatever you want without being judged.
- My last school was public so it was much different. They have separation in church and school. The teachers aren't even allowed to talk about religion.
- I was previously home-schooled, so it's different in almost every way.

### 4. Would you recommend SLA to another student?

- It is a Christian school and they teach you good manners. You have freedom of speech.
- The Bible classes are very fun.
- My first reason would be the teachers because they are just wonderful and so kind. My second one would be the spirit you get is just unexplainable. It is so refreshing and joyful.
- Because grade 4 and up get lockers and everyone's so nice.
- The school is a good size. The people are really sociable. They make new people feel welcome and don't judge.
- It is a very fun and safe environment and is full of good influences.
- It's a great, safe learning experience where everyone is friendly.
- It's good for your relationship with God.
- It can be a home away from home.
- It's a safe school where you're not influenced by the government.

We also got some suggestions for improvements: getting soccer nets, playing more sports, and doing activities with other schools.

I would recommend this exercise for interested leaders of any school or church. We all have room to grow, so let's not be afraid to hear the truth!

### Some of the highlights of our school year thus far:

#### Pray for Enrollment

During our Chapel, Prayer Warrior time, and our weekly prayer around the flagpole (#NoDoubt), SLA students are praying for an increase in our enrollment next year. We have witnessed answers to prayer many times at Sandy Lake Academy and we know with everyone praying, God will continue to bless our school. In January, we received five new students from Chile! Let's teach the kids how powerful prayer can be! Please continue to keep Sandy Lake Academy in your prayers.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- March 13-17 March Break
- March 23 Constituency Meeting
- Mar 29-Apr 2 Pine Tree Academy Music Clinic
- April 8 SLA Elementary at Halifax Church
- April 23 Work Bee
- April 28 Pastor Appreciation Brunch
- May 7 Work Bee
- May 15-18 Week of Prayer
- May 31 Early Registration Deadline
- June 9 Graduation Vespers (7pm)
- June 10 Spring Concert
- June 11 Graduation Ceremony (1pm)

**Ways to Stay in Touch:**

- Website: [www.sandylakeacademy.ca](http://www.sandylakeacademy.ca)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/SandyLakeAcademy)
- Twitter: @SandyLakeAcademy
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## Sandy Lake Academy Offering April 22, 2017

Sandy Lake Academy will be the recipient of the Maritime Conference Advance offering on April 22.

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. ■

### MONCTON SDA CHURCH SERVICES ON VIMEO/INTERNET

It has been a real blessing to be able to receive the Moncton Adventist church service through the internet. To be able to sing along with our church family and bow in prayer keeps us connected to our church.

We want to share this with the Maritime churches that those who cannot come to church for various reasons, have an opportunity to still hear the messages each week. When our members are travelling and not able to attend a church service, they are able to access, through the internet, the service on Sabbath morning or able to watch the archived service at a later time. The Moncton church has been doing this for the last 4 or 5 years, every Sabbath.

For the last several months, God blessed us with higher quality video streaming. We are in need of purchasing a second camcorder and faster PC, but we are very optimistic that God will bless this ministry with what we need to do our job even better.

There are non-church members watching as well. God has been blessing them too.

Many thanks to Andrzej and his team each week. Find us at [www.monctonsda.com](http://www.monctonsda.com).



## 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:	



**Pathfinder Ministries**  
Bill Harrington, Director

### ACTIVE CLUBS

There are 5 active clubs with 32 Pathfinders, 16 Adventurers, with about 15 staff.

Fredericton/Embers of Hope

St George

St. Stephen/Bay of Fundy Flyers

Tantallon

New Glasgow/Wolves

There is so much materials available to get you started on your road to having a great Pathfinder or Adventurer club in your church, get in touch with me if you need help by email at [harringtonhaven@bellaliant.net](mailto:harringtonhaven@bellaliant.net). ■

### Camporees:

The spring camporee is set for May 12-14, 2017 at Camp Pugwash NS.

It has been suggested that the spring camporee focus on camp cookery. For this, the children in each club, that are old enough, will do the cooking for all their meals with no help from their leaders. They will be judged on the following:

1. working together, 2. presentation of food,
3. taste, 4. nutrition.

This is just a rough idea on how they will be judged. Please let me know how you feel on what has been suggested ASAP.

**September:** New River Beach Park NB

### PATHFINDERS IN THE MARITIMES

**St. George/St Stephen:** Our Pathfinder program reaches beyond our church into the community, each year praying that God will send the youth who will benefit from this program. This year the St. George club has ten members.

**Christmas Season Activities:** Each year during the Christmas season, our church hosts a community outreach activity. This past Christmas we rented the local community hall and our church members distributed free tickets to a Christmas Tea. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the ladies of our church baked an abundance of delicious food. Local singers, as well as church members, provided entertainment to an appreciative audience. The Pathfinder youth from the St. George club and the Bay of Fundy Flyers did an impressive job of serving the guests. The response from the public was very positive so it may be an activity we will choose to repeat another year. (pictured at right)

The St. George Pathfinders also had the privilege of travelling to Saint John in December to serve Christmas dinner to the homeless and those whose circumstances would cause them to appreciate a home cooked meal. The Pathfinders distributed Christmas cards (pictured below) that they had created themselves and made friends with many people that evening. They were particularly blessed by one homeless gentleman who related that he had once been a police officer. Listening to his story, the children learned that hard times can fall on anyone.



On Valentines Day the St. George Pathfinders visited the Blacks Harbour Nursing Home and gave out valentines, candy and flowers to the 27 seniors who reside there. The seniors enjoyed the gifts and attention from the young people. The Bay of Fundy Flyers also made valentines and gave them to the residents

of the Passamaquoddy Nursing Home in St. Andrews.





## Camp Pugwash

Paul Llewellyn, Summer Camp Director

Camp Pugwash is now in the hiring process for this coming summer program. We are interested in finding people with **qualified waterfront skills**. As we look for the best workers to minister to our young people that are being sent to our camp, this is a perfect time to activate our churches and boards to look for community young people that might benefit from coming to Camp Pugwash for Junior or Teen Camp.

We are also looking for more campers that would be able to benefit from our National Camps for the Blind. If your local church knows of visually impaired people that are able to care for themselves, please send those names and contact information on to the Conference office.

Now is the time to start to plan on how many children your church will sponsor to come to camp. Remember, for every two kids a church sponsors for camp, one more can come for free! ■

## Tentative Dates for Camp Pugwash for 2017:

Camp Open	mid May
Pathfinder Camporee	May 12-14
Spiritual Emphasis	June 2-4
Worship Forum	June 4
Staff Orientation	June 18
Young Adult Training	June 23-25
Blind Camp	June 25-30
Junior Camp	July 2-9
Teen Camp	July 9-16
Horsemanship Camp	July 16-21
Workers' Camp	July 17-21
Campmeeting 2017	July 21-29
Women's Retreat	September 15-17
Camp Close	mid October



## Horse Program Update

Kay Graça, Horse Program

Five years ago, our camp almost lost their horsemanship program due to decrease in funding. It was at that time, that the Maritime Conference made the decision to close the program and sell the horses. As the program is an integral part of the summer camp program, there were some who were able to put together a balanced budget to keep the program going based on incoming funds from the week of horse camp, donations, and people who were generous with their time, and cared for the horses without remuneration.

At this current time, the horsemanship program continues to be entirely funded through donations and the one week of horse camp, which is just before campmeeting. We had been blessed to have had people to care for the horses over the winter for little or no cost to the camp, but that is no longer possible and are needing to budget costs for someone to care for the horses through the winter. This is far more than the horsemanship program receives in donations and camp fees, and so we are once again finding the need to further fundraise to keep the program going.

To put the horsemanship program into perspective of all our campers who come to summer camp for Junior and Teen Camp, over half of them sign up to ride the horses during the week, so it is a very popular program. It is a program that gives our campers an opportunity to come into contact with one of God's creatures, and through the program, campers are taught lessons which parallel their relationship with the horse as its "master," with our relationship with Jesus as our Master, and how we need to learn to trust our Master just as the horse needs to trust its master. It is a program which was built specifically with this spiritual lesson in mind, and through nature, these lessons will long be remembered. We would encourage anyone who has an interest in learning more about horses, or would like to attend horsemanship camp to come and enjoy the week. Campers should be at least 12 years of age, and we offer a program which includes young adults and adults as well. It is a great week, and all who have come, have left blessed.

There are many who would like to see this program continue, and have given of their time, and effort toward that goal, but it is time to ask for reinforcements again in this effort. Time is running out for us to continue without assistance. We ask that you would prayerfully consider any contribution which would help to see this program continue. Thank you.





**Youth**

Paul Llewellyn, Youth Director

**Young Adult Mission Focus Group**

Twenty-six young adults came out to the Llewellyn’s home in Halifax to form the new Young Adult Mission-Focused group for the Halifax area. Ben and Brooke Zebeljan lead out in the short worship talk and the group socialized around a nice Adventist meal of Haystacks. Lee Haase has partnered with Ben and Brooke to begin a leadership adventure for the youth and young adults in the Halifax area. The Young Adult group will focus on reaching others in their age group and look at ways they can reach others outside of the church to come to know Jesus.



There will also be a **Mini-Youth Rally** at the Righteousness by Faith weekend **June 2-4**. Our guest speaker will be Jorge Torres who will tell his testimony of his involvement in the gang lifestyle and how the Lord led him to a new life in Christ. Registration forms will be available at your local church or at [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com).



On **June 23-25, 2017**, there will be a **Young Adult Training Retreat** at Camp Pugwash.

Our guest speakers will be Ron Pickell SDA Chaplain at the University of California Berkeley and Nina Lim Adventist Christian Fellowship leader for the SDACC.

The cost will be \$25 for the weekend. More information on registration to follow. ■



Check out **Maritime Youth** on Facebook for information on upcoming youth events in the Maritime Conference.

**CAMPMEETING 2017****July 21 - July 29, 2017**

Many people are requesting information on the campmeeting speakers earlier in the year. We have been inviting many speakers and have confirmed the following thus far for 2017:

**Peter Kulakov 9:00 am Sunday-Friday**

Peter Mikhailovich Kulakov is a television evangelist, founding director of the first Christian Media Center in the former Soviet Union, pastor, and overseas missionary. Kulakov was the first Christian to appear live regularly on two national communist radio networks, blanketing 11 time zones with 900 FM stations. In 2005 Peter Kulakov started a weekly Light of Hope television program in two languages, Russian and English. Kulakov presents regular major satellite evangelistic series of meetings live from, Moscow, Kiev, London, Darmstadt and many other cities of Europe and Asia. Thousands of people accepted Jesus as Savior and joined the church as the result of these meetings.

**Bob Cundiff 10:50 am Sunday-Sabbath**

Pastor Bob Cundiff was born in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Louisville, Ky at the tender age of 6. Being raised in the south, his mother was a loyal Adventist and his father an atheist. At the age of 17 he experienced a radical conversion that later led him into the ministry. Pastor Bob has been a Student Missionary, Youth Pastor, Young Adult Pastor, International Evangelist, Executive Secretary and speaker at various gatherings. He currently serves as the President of the Northern New England Conference which serves the territory of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

**Pavel Goia Youth Speaker—Morning All Campmeeting Auditorium 7:15 pm Friday-final Sabbath (all campmeeting)**

Pavel Goia knew at a young age that God had called him to ministry. Being born and raised in communist Romania didn't make following that calling an easy task. After short drifting during his teenage years, his life took a proverbial turn and he promised to serve God and fulfill his original calling. His promise was tested almost immediately. The events that ensued are chronicled by the book *One Miracle After Another: The Pavel Goia Story*, by Gregg Budd. Today he pastors the Lexington (KY) SDA Church. His life continues to be one miracle after another. Be filled with wonder at God's love in action as Pavel shares miraculous stories of answered prayers. Learn to commune with God and know His real and constant presence in your life. Discover how to understand God's will and how to be more efficient in serving Him. Experience for yourself the transforming power of a walk with God.

**Tarah-Liz Springer Special Music All Campmeeting**

Tarah-Liz Springer came into the world destined to be a music note on the staff of life's journey. Raised in the Seventh-day Adventist faith, the church always gave her opportunities to spread her wings and generally encouraged youth to participate in church services and activities by using their talents for the Lord. Tarah believed that God used music to keep her active in His service. The Lord gave Tarah precious melodies and impressed her to apply them to the very scriptures He was using to strengthen her faith and to teach her children. A close friend asked Tarah if she would be willing to record the scripture songs and that she would find a way to sponsor the project. Henceforth came the birth of not only one CD but two. May His name continue to be praised and glorified through their ministry!

**José Élysée French Meetings All Campmeeting**

No bio available at this time.

**Patrick Dupuis Youth Speaker Evening—All Campmeeting**

Patrick grew up in the Adventist Church, but turned away from God as a teenager. As a young adult, through a series of unexpected events God put a call on his life and pulled him out of a crooked lifestyle to enter full-time ministry in the Adventist Church. Passionate about Jesus and His message, Patrick's favourite passage from the Bible is "all things are possible to him who believes." Patrick Dupuis is pastor of three Adventist churches, in Québec, Canada. Married to Cindy, they are parents to four energetic young children.



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

It will be available for viewing within the next few days.

## RED LETTER DAY FOR YARMOUTH

On February 28, 2017 the Yarmouth Seventh-day Adventist Company officially became a church. This has been a dream for many years and has now become a reality. President John Fournier, Treasurer Ed Sharpe, Secretary Paul Llewellyn (President-Elect) came to Yarmouth to make the official announcement.

Ten members of the Yarmouth Company are now charter members of the new Yarmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church. (Pictured left to right: Pastor Courtney Dookie, Marina Saulnier, Leta Dukeshire, Winona Pierce, Justin McCullum, Bonnie Parsons, Julia Charlton, Bryan Sands, and Yvonne Demaray. Kathy McCullum was missing.) Several members were absent because of sickness, but will be transferring their membership to the new church as soon as possible. There were 35 people in attendance.



Pastor Paul taught the Sabbath school Lesson.

Ed Sharpe called for the offering and Pastor John preached the sermon. God has blessed us with an increase in membership and we look forward to getting our own church building in the future.

Following the organizing of the church, Pastor John Fournier ordained four women, Julia Charlton, Yvonne Demaray, Katherine Nickerson-McCullum (missing from picture), and Winona Pierce as deaconesses. (Pictured on right.)

A fellowship meal followed the service and was enjoyed by all attending.

We look forward to moving ahead with our official status and elicit your prayers on our behalf. We praise God for all He has done in this area and trust He will continue to bless us and we will grow in the strength of the Lord. ■





**Prayer Ministries**  
Diane McGivery, Leader

## Prayer Ministry, Pulse Praises

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

Let the Maritime churches now say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let all soul winners now say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord now say,  
"His mercy endures forever."

He has made us one in purpose.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He has led us to call on His name.  
"His mercy endures forever."

Morning and evening.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He has bound us with the cords of love.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He has chosen His man at the helm.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He is fanning His spark in our youth.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He inspired Prayer Walking at SLA.  
"His mercy endures forever."

And flag-pole, student-led prayer.  
"His mercy endures forever."

Increased enrolment in answer to these.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He hears prayer for the salvation of the sick.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He protects as we travel through storms.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He cares for all of our worries.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He uses others to bless us.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He supplies our need for work.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He increases our numbers in prayer.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He sends labourers for our field.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He's ever our help in trouble.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He constantly guides our paths.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He hears our prayers for growth.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He inspires our generosity.  
"His mercy endures forever."

He multiplies opportunity for witness.  
"His mercy endures forever."

His word won't return to Him void.  
"His mercy endures forever."

We will praise You,  
For You have answered us,  
And have become our salvation.

You are our God, and we will praise You;  
You are our God, we will exalt You.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

### PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL ACCESS INFORMATION:

To join by computer (toll-free for both participant and Conference office) send a request for invitation to join to Diane McGivery at [direct.line.hampton@gmail.com](mailto:direct.line.hampton@gmail.com). A few clicks of the mouse is all it takes. You may also join by phone by calling 1-647-558-0588 (NOT a toll-free call). Enter Meeting ID 821431194 when prompted.

**Every Thursday morning at 5:30 am.**

Compiled by Erna McCann ■

## **Supporting Others Who Are Struggling With Mental Health Issues Part 2**

by Sania Dookie, BSW, MA, RSW

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased” (Hebrews 13:16).*

As was discussed in part 1 of this article, having a loved one or someone closely affiliated with you struggling with mental health issues can be disheartening and confusing. It is a fact that mental health concerns can affect anyone. This is determined by different circumstances within an individual’s life. (CMHA, 2016)

In this article, we will continue on the topic of how to support others struggling with mental health issues. This is a very necessary topic, as the church is not immune to these experiences.

1. It is vital for you to seek the Lord for wisdom, patience, longsuffering, understanding and love in supporting. Pray earnestly for God’s restorative power in that individual’s life and ask God, how He can use you in this restorative process.
2. Never assume and conclude that the individual suffering with a mental disorder is because they choose to continue to be in that experience.

Mental illness can be caused by many things, including, but not limited to: chemical imbalances in the body, prolonged period of stress-inducing events, embedded generational patterns of mental illness (epigenetics), lack of tolerance/resilience to stress and low coping mechanisms and significant events which had negative effects.

It is important to note, that, one cannot just snap out of a mental illness. Healing comes though the restorative power of God, relational support and encouragement and gaining functional skills on overcoming or maintaining health.

3. Develop a trusting and reassuring relationship with this individual. Through this you can provide support without the individual feeling judged or shamed.

When this type of relationship exists, you can help the person in the following ways:

- Be comfortable to share with them when you notice changes in their behaviour.

- Talk openly about their experiences empathetically, non-judgmentally and prayerfully.
  - Be more comfortable to suggest the person sees a doctor or helping professional and even support with making an appointment and following through.
  - Attend appointments with the individual.
  - Support and encourage the individual to start or maintain a healthy lifestyle such as: getting adequate sleep, exercising and eating healthy.
  - Lovingly discourage unhealthy habits or behaviours which impacts mental health.
  - And, help to create a trusting and caring supportive network, which helps the person to feel loved and accepted. (Beyond Blue, 2016)
4. Be confidential and sensitive about the individual’s privacy.
  5. Learn about the types of mental health and financial/disability supports in your area, if this individual will need ongoing professional social care and financial support. (Beyond Blue, 2016)  
Some individuals are impacted by their mental illnesses to the point where it impacts their ability to exercise daily adult living skills independently and to secure and main a job.
  6. It is important to avoid putting pressure on the person by expecting and telling them to ‘snap out of it’ or ‘get their acts together.’ Also, staying away or avoiding will make their experience worse. Avoid telling them to just stay busy or get out more and coercing them in activities you think will help them forget about their feelings and experiences.  
Pray for the eyes of Christ, His heart, His hands, His feet, His love. In essence, do all to the glory of God. The moment one starts to do it for self, they will lose heart, become easily burnt out and possibly resentful.
  7. Remember, your only task is to provide relational and social support along with prayer. You are not expected to cure or treat your loved one struggling with a mental disorder. Seek the right supports. God provided mental health professionals to minister to the persons’ needs in this fashion, find such support and help your loved one through this process.

In conclusion, it is a fact that mental illness exists in the church and can be 'closer to home' in our families and friends. Along with shedding stereotypes of mental illness, get educated, and be courageous to speak about it and support your loved one. Develop and maintain a trusting and supportive relationship so you can provide honest and well-received feedback into the individual's mental health wellbeing. Avoid taking on the burden; acknowledge your personal experiences through this, seek personal support and maintain a stance of 'casting all your cares on the Lord.'

**Next quarter we will discuss mental health in marriage.**

*The information provided in this column and future columns only serve as a guide and should not be used in any way to diagnose or treat a disorder. If you find you need support, speak to a qualified professional and/or consult with your Pastor or mental health care provider.*

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Mark your calendars:

# Christian Women's Retreat

**September 15 - 17, 2017  
Pugwash Campgrounds**

Our speaker will be **Diana Jaworski**,  
a motivational speaker, success coach  
and workshop presenter.

**"Be the Best That You Can Be"**

Ladies, please mark your calendar with our retreat date and start collecting your good used books for the 'trade' table. More detailed information on registration will be shared in the coming months.





## Health Ministries

Stephanie Schwarz, Director

Proverbs 17:22 tells us “A merry heart is good medicine.” Several years ago I was in a class, and the topic was “thriving versus just surviving” in our world.

Up until the 1970s, psychologists studied sad people. They studied why they were sad, and how to get them back to normal. How to get them from the negative end of the scale just to a 0. However, in the 1970s they took a new approach and started a study called “positive psychology.” They began to study people that were happy, and why they were happy. There were several studies done to understand and promote thriving individuals. What they found was that happy people actually live longer.

One study was done on 230 Major League Baseball players. They looked at their baseball cards to study the relationship between longevity and the extent to which they smiled in the photo for their baseball cards. The baseball players were put in 3 categories. They were ranked as either a non-smiler--just having a dead stare. A partial smiler--when their mouth is still closed, but the corners are turned up a little. Or they were ranked as full

on complete smilers--when your brain tells your face it’s time to get really excited, and you have a big toothy grin and a sparkle in your eye. The study showed that the toothy grinners lived on average 7 years longer than the non-smilers!

When we are happy, our body produces endorphins that actually attach to receptor sites on our cells that actually keep viruses, and other foreign invaders from entering our cells. Thus protecting us from sickness. When we are happy, our body also produces more antibodies that attack and destroy viruses and bacteria. People who are happy have less anxiety and stress. They have a lower risk for diabetes and heart disease. That is why the Bible told us years ago, before these studies were done, or we could see our cells in a microscope, that being joyful is good medicine!

God desires to give us true joy as we spend time in His presence. (Psalm 16:11) I challenge you to spend time with your Saviour, and enjoy the true joy He longs to give you. Put a big toothy grin on your face, and enjoy a healthier, happier life!

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](mailto:health@maritimesda.com). ■

Stephanie Schwarz is a Registered Nurse and Certified Health Coach.

### Delicious Fluffy Pancakes

Makes 8 pancakes

#### Ingredients:

- 1 Tbs sugar in the raw (optional)
- 2 Tbs pure maple syrup (can reduce)
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 Tbs aluminum-free baking powder
- 1 C whole wheat pastry flour or flour of choice
- 1 C non-dairy milk

#### Instructions:

- Whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt together in a large bowl.
- Combine non-dairy milk with maple syrup.
- Pour wet mixture into the dry mixture and stir until just combined; a few lumps are okay. Let rest 10 minutes.
- Meanwhile, heat a skillet over very low heat.
- Transfer mixture to a large glass/liquid measuring cup or use ¼-cup measuring cup.
- Pour ¼ cup batter into a non-stick skillet.
- Cook on one side until bubbles form, gently flip, and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Serve with coconut oil, pure maple syrup, berries, and nuts of your choice or homemade berry sauce (above).
- Enjoy!

### Homemade Berry Sauce

- Place one small bag of frozen berries of choice in a pot over medium heat.
- Add 1 tsp lemon juice,
- 1 Tbs honey or pure maple syrup.
- Cook until berries become soft and mash.
- Add 1 Tbs chia seeds or more until desired consistency.

## Lee Venden Revival Seminar “All About Jesus” August 18-26, 2017

In August of this year, Lee Venden will be coming to the Barnesville, Maranatha (Hampton), and Saint John district to share a revival series titled “All About Jesus.” The very fact that he is able to come in the first place, is because the Lord has made a way! In March of 2016, after being in our district for a few months, the Lord impressed me that our members, and our area desperately needed to hear these messages—all about Jesus.

I contacted Pastor Lee and shared our story with him and the burden on my heart and Pastor Ricky’s for our churches. It was about this time that I started to pray, and fast for our churches once a week. For God’s divine intervention, and for there to be “no divisions among us, but that we would have one mind, the mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

I did not hear from Pastor Lee for four months, so I contacted him once more and waited. He did write me back and told me he was already booked until 2018, and after that had a 60-church waiting list! I knew that it would only be by divine intervention that he would be able to come. With a little dialogue, and much continued prayer, he told us that he would “leap frog” us ahead of the 60 churches and book us in a place that had opened up, August 18-26, 2017. He communicated that he did have a fee and, of course, would need all of his costs covered for him and his wife Marji to come, so he wanted to make sure, since we were small churches, that we would be able to cover the costs and it wouldn’t be a burden. We didn’t know exactly how it was all going to be covered, but we knew that God had opened a door for him to come, and we were going to walk through it by faith!

We are praising God for what He has done, how faithful He is, and what He is going to do. We have decided to dedicate everything to Him in prayer. From prayer partners, prayer teams, prayer meeting, prayer at church, we will be claiming His promises that it is not by our might or by our strength that anything will be accomplished, but by His Spirit! (Zechariah 4:6). From the preparation leading up to this event, to the event itself and the follow-up connections—just as the title of the seminar suggests, our focus will be “All About Jesus.”

We are claiming Proverbs 16:3 which says, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed!” This is all in His hands; which is why we just cannot wait to be used by Him, and see what He has in store for us, and for our community! We are involving all of our churches, inviting our community, community churches, and all our sister churches in the Maritime Conference. So that all may be inspired, and blessed! These are messages you can feel comfortable inviting your Christian, and non-Christian friends, neighbours, and family to.

We ask that you join us in prayer, claiming His will be done, for His glory. The Lord is working a mighty revival in the east, and we are excited to see what He is doing, and has in store for our each one of us! ■



# NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

## HALIFAX

### **New Officers Elected**

An amazing number of people are involved in the 2017/18 slate of officers. Eleven people willing to tell the children's story, 14 deacons, 11 deaconesses, 17 in SS depts, 6 in the music dept, besides approximately 30 choir members. We anticipate two wonderful years of GROWING IN JESUS, our Sabbath School theme song for the past two years!

Saralene MacLean was ordained as head elder, and presented her first inspirational sermon on Feb. 11.



### **New Church Choir**

YES! What some anticipated to be a small choir turned out to be a choir of 35 members. Under the direction of Stuart Cherenfant, the choir sang for the first time at Sandy Lake Academy, for the farewell of our conference president, John Fournier and his wife Janice. Again on Feb. 11 this Halifax sanctuary church choir, for the first time in their home church, sang a special, *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*, plus a number of responses. Young children and adults of all ages comprise this choir. Of interest is that all the members of two families joined to 'Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord.' (Choir pictured below)



### **Men's Ministries Organized**



Pictured above are the men from the Halifax and Dartmouth churches who attended the Men's Ministries Breakfast on February 26 at the Dartmouth SDA Church. David Crook, who is the Halifax Men's Ministries leader, organized the event and Pastor Kevin Scott was the chef. Ben McBeth presented a challenging devotional emphasizing prayer. The meeting which followed, gave opportunity for individuals to make suggestions as to what this men's group could do to help in the community and church. A volunteer will set up a database to enable communication with each other to organize the men for projects. Many ideas came forth and a committee will prioritize.

### **Fed Physically and Spiritually**

Pastor Kevin Scott called all deacons and deaconesses to a training seminar at the Dartmouth church. Before his instruction, he presented a full hot breakfast for all 18 present! The topics were: Deacons and Deaconesses—Spiritual Servants; Serving During the Services of the Church—At Holy Communion Services; Serving the Members of the Church—In Visitation Ministry; Serving the Church—In the Worship Service; Serving During the Services of the Church—At Sabbath School, Adventist Youth Society and Mid-Week Prayer Meeting. Following these topics, an article by Jerry Page, Ministerial Secretary of the General Conference, GROWING LOCAL CHURCHES GOD'S WAY: An Interview With Chad Stuart, was shared. The first priority stated was prayer. All left this seminar inspired, encouraged and challenged, and grateful to our pastor and his leadership.

### **AY Resurrected**

A while back Adventist Youth meetings were smaller in attendance due to the difficulty of getting people back to the church after the morning services. The solution—have a FELLOWSHIP MEAL TWICE A MONTH IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE WITH AY TO FOLLOW. The last two meetings

have seen from 30-45 youth, children and adults in attendance. As they continue meeting, there will be activities planned to share Jesus, as in the past, only now there will be more to participate! Ziporah Nyanchama is the AY leader.

**John & Janice Fournier Farewell**

Members of the Halifax church, as well as the congregations of Dartmouth, Tantallon and Fox Point, gathered at Sandy Lake Academy on Jan. 14 to bid a sad farewell to our Conference president and his wife. The musical presentations and Pastor Fournier’s farewell message were superb, as was the fellowship and meal. **The Lord bless them and keep them** in their retirement plans.



Fournier’s farewell pictured with all the past and present elders from the four area churches having a special prayer for them in their retirement.

**OBITUARIES**

**Estey, Wilma Lee** –The family of Wilma Lee Estey is saddened to announce her death. She died peacefully on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, surrounded by family, after a courageous battle of multiple serious health issues. Born on August 26, 1957 in Fredericton NB, she was a daughter of Julia (Morehouse) and the late Ossie Estey. Wilma was gifted with many skills. She enjoyed creating things and decorating. She knit numerous items to which she donated to charity, gave to family, friends and strangers—socks, sweaters, scarves, ceramics, and numerous other items. She had a generous heart and she will be remembered for her kindness. She enjoyed her flowers and plants. She loved 4-wheeling, family get-togethers, and having people around. She dearly loved her family and friends. When saying good-byes, she would give a kiss and say “I love you.” Wilma was a member of the Zealand Seventh-day Adventist Church. She loved her church family and enjoyed discussing Bible questions, learning more about God’s unfailing love for each one of us. She wanted to share His word and gave many people a Bible. Wilma has left this world too soon, but she will not have to face any more suffering with sickness. In addition to her mother, Wilma is survived by her two daughters, Eileen Lavoie (Robin) of Fredericton NB and Nicole Mattatall (Chris) of Millville NB; grandchildren, Josie (Scott), Alex (Savannah), Aadon, Ava Lee; sisters, Vera Irion (Frank), Gladys Brawn (Joe), Faye Brawn (Allen), Julia Burt, Penny Sharpe (Stephen); brother, Jack Estey (Sheila); several nieces and nephews and many friends; her children’s father, Ronald Lavoie. In addition to her dad, Wilma was predeceased by her husband, Gary Brewer; two sisters, Eileen and Mary; one brother, Vernon; brother-in-law, Wayne Burt. (Wilma (third from right) is pictured below with her mother, sisters and family.)

**ST GEORGE**

**Pathfinder Clubs**

With so many negative influences surrounding our youth, we as a church have felt the need to offer a Christian-based activity for the youth of our church, and for those within our local community. Our Pathfinder program serves this purpose as it reaches beyond our church into the community, each year praying that God will send the youth who will benefit from this program. Read about the many activities these young people have been involved in this past quarter on page 11. We have a wonderful group of Pathfinders this year who are enthusiastic and eager to learn and serve. Our church greatly appreciates the committed leadership of Julie Cheney and Brenda Henry as they lead out in this program for the St. George Pathfinders and Bay of Fundy Flyers respectively.



**Gautreau, Bree Anna (LeBlanc) –31**, passed away in Moncton, January 19, 2017. Bree Anna was born on October 3rd, 1985 in Tyler, Texas. At the tender age of three she went to live in a loving foster home with Jacques and Irene LeBlanc. It was soon apparent that this little rose of Texas had wound her way into the family’s heart and was soon adopted. Bree Anna started a family of her own, with now ex-husband, Louis Gautreau; her 4 children, Jonah, Jayden, Isabelle and Sophia became her greatest treasures. Bree Anna loved her family and her children very much and there was never a question how much people meant to her. Bree Anna was very giving and always ready to stick up for anyone she thought needed help. It was almost impossible to find Bree Anna without a smile on her face and she had a laugh that was infectious. Besides her children and parents, Bree Anna is survived by her birth siblings, Jeremy, Allen, Tabitha, Sabrina and Ricky; her sister, Saffron with her husband Richard; her brothers, Joel with his wife Krista, Jonathan with his wife Jen, and Josh with his wife Sarah. Bree Anna is also survived by her grandmother, Betty Simon and by several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Bree Anna is predeceased by her birth parents, Virgil and Darlene (Manderino) Day.



**Wood, Roberta -90**, of Chipman NB and Keene TX passed away October 10, 2016 in Fredericton NB. Born September 8, 1926 in Norton NB, daughter of G. Perley Wood and Alice (Kierstead) Wood. At 3 months of age, she moved with her parents to Chipman NB, where her father opened Chipman Pharmacy, which he owned and operated for nearly 50 years. Following graduation from Maritime College of Pharmacy in Halifax NS, she worked with her father in the Chipman Pharmacy. Roberta loved infants and children, taking great pleasure in caring for the foster children who resided in her home. She was a loving daughter, caring for her parents in their home in their final years. She moved to Keene Texas in 1981, following the death of her parents. While there, she was involved in considerable volunteer work, especially at Town Hall Estates Nursing Home. She enjoyed music, reading, bowling and socializing and was a world traveler. Roberta loved the Lord and her church, and being a ‘people person’ was happiest when helping others. She is survived by her two ‘Texas families’ as well as her “Town Hall family” in Keene, TX, several cousins in Canada and the US, and a host of friends including Murray Doherty, who has been very kind and caring to her, and niece Pat Fraser of Victoria BC.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Halifax church organized a fun Valentine’s social including fast-moving games, pizza and treats, giving the young and ‘not so young’ alike, a chance to get to know each other better.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Halifax church SS Council meeting started with having breakfast together at 8:30 am on a Sunday morning, which set the tone for an atmosphere for creativity, enthusiasm, love and appreciation for Sabbath School. Halifax church has very few youth, but the few are often found telling the story to the younger children (at times 20 children present), and making a great contribution in music.

Oak Park church – on 13th Sabbath, Abbie and Gracie Atwood, twin daughters of Tim & Melissa Atwood, performed the *Story of Jesus’ Birth* with skits and songs. ■



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## Truro Seventh-day Adventist Church

For many years the Truro Seventh-day Adventist Church has struggled to meet the needs of families with young children, primarily because of a lack of facilities in the children's divisions. In one or two recent instances, families with a number of children have actually attended for a time, and then left for another church or another location, simply because it was impossible to offer adequate programs for their children.

The Truro church is located close to the new Wilson Recreation Centre, and directly across the street from Wal-Mart and a number of other retail stores. In short, it's an ideal place for visibility within the community. However, because of its non-descript appearance, many persons are surprised to learn that it is actually a church!

Late last autumn, the church took action to add a new wing onto the church building, including two Sabbath school classrooms and a mother's room. We believe God wants us to make children a priority by providing excellent Sabbath school classes and other programs to help young people grow spiritually, especially since we do not have an Adventist church school in Truro. The plans also include making improvements to the outside appearance of the overall structure, to ensure that the renewed building will be recognizable as a church.

Our members are committed to build debt-free, going only as far as we can with the funds we have available. The decision to build was an act of faith, because although some funds were on hand, an additional \$50,000 is still needed to be raised.

In order to help reduce the overall cost of this project, much of the work will be done by volunteers. Plans are being made for a Maranatha group to join us in August, but there will be much needing to be done both before and after that big event.

Prior to the Maranatha visit, we must demolish the existing entryway, replace a fire exit door, remove siding, and make several minor structural changes. And afterwards, there will likely be electrical work, some plumbing, drywalling, painting, finishing, and refurbishing the older portion of the building.

Those volunteering to assist in any of these tasks are invited to contact David Streifling, Building Committee chairman, at (902) 800-5085. Those willing to assist financially should mail cheques to the Truro SDA Church, c/o John Cessford Treasurer, 193 Macdonald Rd, Shubenacadie NS B0N 2H0. And we express our heart-felt thanks to each one.

We thank God for the human and financial resources that will be provided; and pray that hearts will be reached for Jesus as we move forward in this major undertaking.

It is our vision that with the Holy Spirit's blessing the Truro Church will become a prominent center of spiritual influence and evangelism in the Maritime Conference. We solicit your prayers, that men and women, boys and girls, will find the LORD here, IN THIS PLACE. ■



**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, 2017.

**Distribution of Maritime Pulse**

The Maritime Pulse is distributed electronically via email to the churches. A few printed copies are sent to the elders in the mail as usual. We recommend you send this pdf file or the website link directly to your church members who have computers/internet access.

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

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**MARITIME CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2017**

<b>March</b>	Women in the Church Focus	
Mar. 18	Disabilities Awareness Sabbath	
Mar. 18	Day of Hope	
Mar. 19	AGM/FSR Meeting	Moncton Church
Mar. 25	ARM Safety Sabbath	
Mar. 25	Maritime Advance	Offering
Mar. 25	13th Sabbath-Trans-European Division	Offering
<b>April</b>	Stewardship Focus	
Apr. 1	Missionary Magazines Promotion	
Apr. 6	Clerk Statistical Report Due	Conference
Apr. 8	Stewardship Sabbath	
Apr. 8	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Apr. 8	Christian Record/Compassion Ministries	Offering
Apr. 15	Literature Evangelism Sabbath	
Apr. 22	Education Sabbath	
Apr. 22	Sandy Lake Academy	Offering
Apr. 27	Dennis Priebe Seminar 10% off Registration Deadline	
Apr. 29	Burman University	Offering
Apr.	Summer Camp Registration Forms	
<b>May</b>	Community Services Focus	
May 6	Community Services Sabbath	
May 7	Conference Board of Directors	Video
May 7-10	Sandy Lake Academy Full Evaluation	SLA
May 8-11	Financial Audit	Conference
May 13	Youth Sabbath	
May 13	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
May 13	Disaster/Famine Relief	Offering
May 20	Single Adults Sabbath	
May 23	Dennis Priebe Seminar Registration Deadline	
May 27	Deaf Ministries	
May 27	Maritime Advance	Offering
<b>June</b>	Church Growth and Evangelism Focus	
Jun. 1	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Jun. 2-4	Dennis Priebe/Jorge Torres Seminar	Camp Pugwash
Jun. 9-11	Sandy Lake Academy Graduation Weekend	SLA
Jun. 10	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	
Jun. 10	Refugees Awareness Sabbath	
Jun. 10	Canadian French Work	Offering
Jun. 14?	Sandy Lake Academy Awards	SLA
Jun. 18-25	Summer Camp Staff Orientation	
Jun. 24	Maritime Advance	Offering
Jun. 24	13th Sabbath-West-Central Africa Division	Offering
Jun. 25	Conference Board of Directors	Conference
<b>2017 MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS</b>		
	Mid-America Union and Pacific Union	Offering

**MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS**

The Maritime Conference office is open Monday through Thursday  
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## Barnesville/Hampton/Saint John District Meeting

January 22, 2017 marked the beginning of restoration, revival and unity amongst the Barnesville, Maranatha (Hampton) and Saint John churches. Leaders within each individual church-campus came together, as one district church, to share ideas, fellowship and regain a purpose and focus for this upcoming year.

We have been claiming God's promises for our churches for the last year and a half, and went into the meeting claiming 1 Corinthians 1:10 "I appeal to you brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you, but that you may be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

It is so comforting to know that God has a plan for each one of our churches and, better yet, a plan for each one of us personally. This was a very uplifting, encouraging day in which, as a church family, we had the privilege to come together as one body for one purpose; to share the love of Christ with each other and with our world.

By: Katelyn Knight, Communications Secretary, Hampton Church



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May 25-28, 2017

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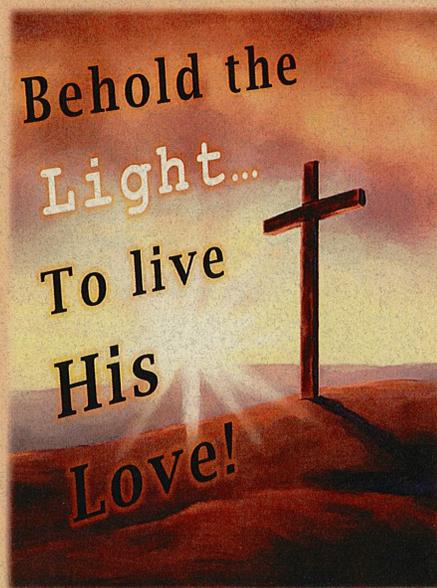
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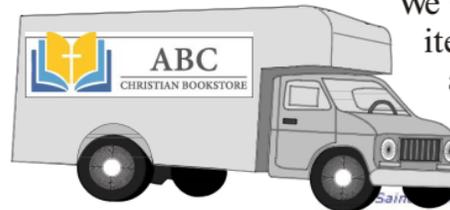
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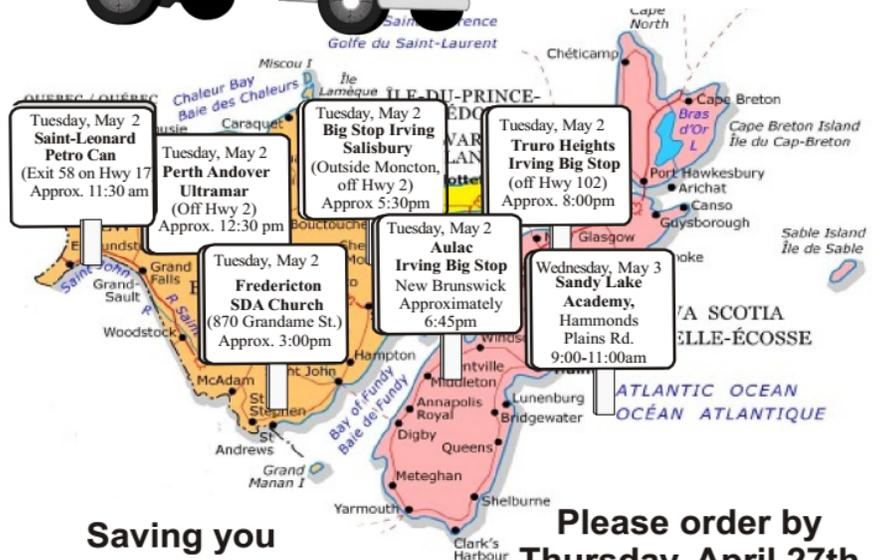
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