



## Pray Without Ceasing

I have been doing a lot of pondering on prayer lately. I firmly believe that when God's people start to pray, that He will begin the needed work upon His Church in order to reach people the way Jesus did. Prayer puts us in a position of relinquishment. When we pray it brings

our hearts and minds to the place in which we hand over our control to God's control. Not my will, but God's will be done.

I have been noticing that at times we try to control God through prayer. We expect God to work on our behalf in a particular way and when He does not answer our prayer the way we expect, we lose heart and become perplexed. This type of praying will only lead us to a place in which we will either start to mistrust God or we will start to mistrust ourselves and the way we pray.

As I read the Laodicean message in Revelation 3, I begin to see something taking place that, as believing and practicing Laodiceans, we need to understand. Let's briefly go over the condition Jesus finds us Laodiceans in at this point in earth's history. One, Jesus calls us lukewarm. Lukewarm brings out a sense that we are indifferent to Jesus. Could it mean that we are happy with the tradition we have become part of? Going through the routine, but having no passion for reaching others in or outside of our church... not even ourselves!

Two, Jesus finds that we think we are rich and are in need of nothing. Pastor Fournier told me of a conversation he had a few years back. One of our sister Conferences told him that they were jealous of us in the Maritimes. Who would be jealous of us in the Maritimes? We are the smallest Conference in the North American Division and a Conference that runs on a very lean budget, we basically do not have what some other Conferences have. Pastor Fournier asked why this sister Conference would say this and their reply was that when their own Conference needed anything all they had to do was write a cheque, but when our Conference needs something, we have to go to God in prayer. This state we find ourselves in basically reiterates how those who say they are rich think. We don't need a thing so why should we be a praying people.

## Priez sans cesse

Des derniers temps, j'ai beaucoup réfléchi au sujet de la prière. Je crois fermement que lorsque son peuple commence à prier, Dieu commence à accomplir le travail requis en vue de préparer son Église à atteindre les gens à la manière de Christ. La prière nous met dans un état d'abandon. Elle amène notre cœur et notre esprit à ce point où nous remettons le contrôle de nos vies au contrôle de Dieu. Que s'accomplisse non ma volonté, mais celle de Dieu!

J'ai pu observer qu'il nous arrive d'essayer de contrôler Dieu en nous servant de la prière. Nous nous attendons à ce que Dieu intervienne en notre faveur d'une certaine façon et lorsque sa réponse ne correspond pas à nos attentes, nous nous décourageons et devenons perplexes. Ce type de prière ne pourra que nous amener au point où soit nous commencerons à douter de Dieu ou nous commencerons à douter de nous-mêmes et de notre manière de prier.

Alors que je lis le message à Laodicée en Apocalypse 3, je commence à voir se dessiner quelque chose que nous, croyants et pratiquants laodicéens, devons comprendre. Revoyons brièvement la condition dans laquelle Jésus nous trouve nous, les Laodicéens, à ce temps précis de l'histoire de la terre. Premièrement, Jésus nous qualifie de tièdes. Cet adjectif fait ressortir le sens comme quoi Jésus nous est indifférent. Cela signifierait-il que nous sommes satisfaits de la tradition dont nous avons fini par faire partie? Nous nous contentons de suivre la routine sans nous préoccuper d'atteindre qui que ce soit d'autre au sein de notre église ou hors de l'église...

Deuxièmement, selon Jésus, nous nous pensons riches et croyons que nous n'avons besoin de rien. Le pasteur Fournier partagea avec moi une conversation qu'il eut quelques années de cela. Une de nos fédérations sœurs lui avait confié être jalouse de nous dans les Maritimes. Qui pourrait être jaloux des Maritimes? Nous sommes la plus petite fédération dans la Division Nord-Américaine et notre budget opérationnel est très maigre comparé aux autres fédérations. Pasteur Fournier voulut en savoir davantage. Son interlocuteur lui expliqua que lorsque sa fédération avait besoin de quoique ce soit, il leur suffisait d'écrire un chèque, mais lorsque les Maritimes ont un besoin, il nous faut aller à Dieu dans la prière. La condition dans laquelle nous nous trouvons souligne fondamentalement la manière de penser de ceux qui se croient riches. Nous n'avons besoin de rien – alors, pourquoi devrions-nous être un peuple qui prie?

The other condition that Revelation 3 reveals about ourselves is that instead of being rich, Jesus tells us of our true condition...wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. All five of these conditions. We are blind as we look at ourselves. We think we have it all together, but in reality (maybe to those outside of our church doors can see) we are very far from what God would have His Church be.

Well, Jesus then asks us to buy three items from Him and in order to buy these, should there be an exchange of goods? Gold refined in the fire, which we know from Ellen White is faith, and love so that we can be rich in faith in love and not in the self-righteousness we now have. Would it not be nice for any visitor to walk into any of our churches and be awestruck with the faith and love they see within our churches? They would never want to leave when they would encounter members who lived lives of faith and love. On a side note, faith has much to do with prayer. Real faith trusts God to do what He needs to do in our lives and the life of our church. True faith is what Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus then asks us to buy His white clothing which we know is a symbol of His righteousness and not our own filthy rags. His clothing covers our naked condition that we don't really know we are currently in. In order to buy this, we need to take our eyes off ourselves and put them on Jesus to see that He wants to exchange our filthy rages for His beautiful robes of righteousness.

Then the last item Jesus asks us to buy or exchange is eye salve. You see, we are blind and are having trouble seeing Jesus and our sorry condition. Jesus wants to exchange our blindness for His eyesight. What a trade! Could you imagine going into Jacob's time of trouble blind? Jesus wants us going into this time with our eyes fully fixed on Him, while knowing that our eyes need to be taken off our sorry condition.

Can you imagine that Jesus wants to exchange our wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked condition and give us His gifts in exchange. I am overwhelmed by His gift and when He hung on the cross, Jesus was offering that exchange to us.

Now, how do we come to a point in our own life and the life of our church in which we begin to realize that our richness is actually poverty level to the heavenly scale and that our lukewarm condition is hurting His work on this earth. How do we see our five conditions of wretchedness and come to exchange that for His three gifts of Life? The answer is in the His next few words.

Une autre condition mise en lumière par Apocalypse 3 et toujours selon Jésus, c'est qu'au lieu d'être riches, nous sommes misérables, pitoyables, pauvres, aveugles et nus. Nous ne sommes pas conscients de ces cinq conditions alors que nous nous regardons. Nous pensons que nous avons tout ce qu'il faut alors qu'en réalité (il se peut que cela n'échappe pas à ceux de l'extérieur) nous sommes très loin de ce que Dieu veut que son Église soit.

Ceci étant, Jésus nous demande d'acheter de lui trois articles et pour que cela soit possible, ne faudrait-il pas qu'il y ait un échange de biens? De l'or éprouvé par le feu – ce qui est selon Sœur White la foi et l'amour, afin que nous soyons riches en foi et en amour et non en la propre justice qui est la nôtre maintenant. Ne serait-il pas plaisant qu'un visiteur puisse entrer dans n'importe laquelle de nos églises et être frappé d'émerveillement par la foi et l'amour qui y règnent. S'ils devaient rencontrer des membres qui vivent des vies de foi et d'amour, les visiteurs ne voudraient jamais partir. Notons par ailleurs que la foi a beaucoup à voir avec la prière. La foi véritable compte sur Dieu pour faire ce qu'il doit faire dans nos vies et dans la vie de notre église. La vraie foi, c'est la prière de Jésus dans le jardin de Gethsémané.

Jésus poursuit et nous demande d'acheter de lui en remplacement de nos vêtements souillés des vêtements blancs qui sont le symbole de Sa justice. Sa robe couvre l'état de nudité dans lequel nous sommes et dont nous sommes inconscients. Pour faire l'acquisition de cette robe, nous devons cesser de regarder à nous-mêmes et regarder à Jésus et réaliser qu'il veut troquer sa belle robe de justice contre nos vêtements souillés.

Le dernier article que Jésus nous demande d'acheter ou d'échanger est un collyre pour nos yeux. Car voyez-vous, nous sommes aveugles et avons du mal à voir Jésus et notre triste condition. Jésus veut prendre notre cécité et nous donner sa vue. Quel échange! Pouvez-vous imaginer vivre l'expérience du temps de détresse de Jacob dans un état de cécité? Jésus veut que nous abordions ce temps, les yeux pleinement fixés sur lui, sachant que nous devons détourner nos yeux de notre triste condition.

Pouvez-vous l'imaginer? Jésus veut prendre notre condition misérable, pitoyable, pauvre, aveugle et nue et nous donner en échange ses dons. Je suis confondu par Son don! Attaché à la croix, Jésus nous offrait alors cet échange.

Maintenant, comment venons-nous à ce point dans notre vie et dans la vie de notre église où nous commençons à réaliser que notre richesse est selon l'échelle de Dieu le seuil de la pauvreté et que notre tiédeur nuit à son œuvre sur la terre? Comment voir les cinq conditions qui nous caractérisent et parvenir à les échanger pour les trois dons de vie que Jésus nous offre? La réponse est dans la suite des paroles de Jésus.

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

First, we need to understand that God, will at times, allow us to go through times of rebuke and discipline. What does a child do when they are rebuked or disciplined? Why of course, they will blame someone else. If we can make someone else seem worse than we are, it will take the heat off us. I think Adam proved that very well when he blamed Eve that God had made, for his fall into sin.

It is so easy to take the focus off myself if I can put the blame or focus on someone else, but here we find Jesus asking us to be earnest and repent. Jesus is calling us within the church to be earnest and repent. You mean that before we can call others to repentance in Christ, we ourselves need to be earnest and repent? I have found this to be so true in my own life and I also find that everyone else around me is suffering from the same condition. It is "I" that needs the help first before I can ever help anyone else. When I admit to my hopeless condition and understand what only Jesus can do in me, it is only then that I can then help someone else to see Jesus.

After coming to the understanding that it is "I" who is in the greatest need in the church, but also outside the church, that I can then move forward to the most important point in the passage: "I stand at the door and knock." The whole time Jesus has been outside of my heart and not dwelling inside. Here is the most beautiful part of the Laodicean message, Jesus wants to come in and dine with me. He wants to begin an intimate relationship with me... the one who is lukewarm, thinking he is rich, wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked and needing some good discipline. Jesus want to come in and dine with me and by doing so He will begin the work of exchanging my filthy rags for His incredible gifts.

This can only happen if you and I answer that knock at our heart's door. This is something that can only happen through prayer. Prayer is that intimate dining experience that Jesus so badly longs to have with you and I. It is in that dining experience that true friends really begin to talk and listen to each other. I had the opportunity to go out to eat the other day with a friend of mine that I had not seen if two years. We talked about life, our hardships, our high points, our kids, our relationship and also about our love for God. We spent two hours together, but could have stayed another two hours more. This is what Jesus is wanting for His Laodicean people. He wants to dine with us and spend intimate time together. He want to come into our hearts and for us to open that door to that time together with Him.

En tout premier lieu, nous devons comprendre qu'il arrive que Dieu nous laisse passer par des moments de réprimande et de discipline. Que fait un enfant quand il se fait réprimander ou discipliner? C'est sûr, il va blâmer quelqu'un d'autre. Si nous pouvons faire quelqu'un d'autre paraître pire que nous, cela réduit notre part du blâme. Adam en est la preuve quand il se disculpa en blâmant Ève que Dieu avait faite, pour sa chute!

Il est si facile de détourner l'attention de soi si on peut rejeter le blâme sur quelqu'un d'autre ou rediriger l'attention ailleurs. Mais Jésus nous demande d'être sincère et de nous repentir. Est-ce à dire qu'avant d'appeler les autres à la repentance en Christ, nous devons d'abord faire preuve d'honnêteté et nous repentir? J'ai pu vérifier cela dans ma propre vie et je constate que tous autour de moi souffrent de cette même condition. C'est « moi » qui ai besoin d'aide en premier avant de pouvoir aider quiconque. Quand je reconnais le caractère désespéré de ma condition et comprends ce que seul Jésus peut faire en moi, c'est seulement alors que je peux aider quelqu'un d'autre à voir Jésus.

Après avoir compris que c'est « moi » qui suis dans le plus grand besoin au sein de l'église, et aussi à l'extérieur de l'église, je peux alors avancer vers le point le plus important de tout ce passage: « Je me tiens à la porte et je frappe. » Jusqu'ici, Jésus s'est tenu à la porte de mon cœur et non dans mon cœur. C'est ici la partie la plus belle de tout le message à Laodicée: Jésus veut entrer et souper avec moi. Il veut commencer à développer une relation intime avec moi... cette personne tiède, qui se croit riche alors qu'elle est misérable, pitoyable, pauvre, aveugle, nue et a besoin d'une bonne discipline. Jésus veut entrer et souper avec moi et ce faisant, commencer à échanger mes vêtements souillés pour ses dons incroyables.

Ceci ne peut arriver que si vous et moi répondons à ce coup à la porte de notre cœur. Ceci ne peut arriver que par la prière. La prière est cette expérience du souper en tête à tête avec vous et moi après laquelle Jésus soupire. C'est lors de ces repas partagés que les vrais amis commencent à se parler et à s'écouter. J'ai eu l'occasion de sortir prendre un repas avec l'un de mes amis que je n'avais pas vu depuis deux ans. Nous avons parlé de la vie, de nos hauts et de nos bas, de nos enfants, de notre relation et aussi de notre amour pour Dieu. Nous avons ainsi passé deux heures ensemble et nous aurions pu en passer deux autres de plus. C'est ce que Jésus veut pour Laodicée, son peuple. Il veut souper avec nous et passer du temps en toute intimité avec nous. Il veut prendre place dans nos cœurs, il veut que nous lui ouvrons la porte en vue de ce temps avec lui.

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. James 5:16

Now my last and final point is this; as we go from being Laodiceans to being counted among the 144,000 we need to understand one great item of importance. Everything you and I go through right now, we go through as Laodiceans. Everything we go through corporately together is as Laodiceans. That means that when I encounter a problem or issue in my life or in the life of our church here in the Maritimes, I tend to see it through tainted Laodicean eyes and not through His eyes. Prayer preempts me from relying upon my blind Laodicean eyes while learning to trust in Christ's perfect understanding of what He allows us to go through, all the while holding deeply onto Him. I want to encourage you today to begin that awesome dining experience that Jesus longs to have with you. To lose total trust in your Laodicean eyes and put your trust in the only one whose eyesight is perfect to lead His people to true repentance, in becoming a church with the characteristics of the 144,000... those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. ■

Paul Llewellyn, President  
Maritime Conference

Mon tout dernier point est ceci: dans notre transition de Laodicéens au stade de faire partie des 144,000, nous avons besoin de comprendre un élément très important. Tout ce que nous vivons maintenant, nous le vivons en tant que Laodicéens, sur le plan individuel et sur le plan collectif. Cela signifie que toutes les fois que je fais face à un problème ou une difficulté dans ma vie ou dans la vie de notre église ici dans les Maritimes, j'ai tendance à tout voir à travers les yeux voilés de Laodicée et non à travers Ses yeux. La prière me garde de placer ma confiance en mes yeux aveuglés de Laodicéen tout en m'apprenant à faire confiance à Jésus qui comprend parfaitement les circonstances de ma vie et les permet. Il suffit que je reste attaché à lui en tout temps. Je voudrais vous inviter aujourd'hui à commencer cette expérience extraordinaire que Jésus souhaite ardemment avoir avec vous. À vous défier totalement de vos yeux de Laodicéen. À placer votre confiance en celui-là seul dont la vue est parfaite pour conduire son peuple vers la vraie repentance et l'aider ainsi à devenir cette église portant les caractéristiques des 144,000... ceux qui suivent l'Agneau partout où il va. ■

Paul Llewellyn, Président  
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## *Ordination to the Gospel Ministry*

*Richard Paul Schwarz 11*

*July 21, 2018*



*Gary Belhomme*

*July 28, 2018*

A highlight of campmeeting this year was the ordination services held on both Sabbaths. They were joyous occasions, not only for the two couples, but for attending families and friends as well.





## Secretariat Report

Teresa Ferreira, Executive Secretary

Safety for our churches, our school and our camp is important for today and tomorrow. Safety has many different faces: child/elderly protection; safety drills; equipment maintenance; volunteer procedures/protocols; etc. And each of these areas have ripple effects across our Conference, across our Union, across our Division, across our World Church.

We **choose** to have Adventist Risk Management (ARM) as our insurance provider for the simple reason that their Mission is: "Our mission is to protect the ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist world church. We don't view what we do as just a business. *Our ministry is to protect your ministry.*"

## Who They Serve



19M  
Members



78810  
Churches



7792  
Schools



560  
Hospitals



53  
Camps

## WHAT DOES OUR STRUCTURE LOOK LIKE, AND HOW DOES ONE IMPACT THE OTHER?

### STATUS OF CONFERENCE/CHURCH

- The local conference is the lowest level of legal identity recognized by the Church. The local congregation or school boards have representative delegated authority to conduct the local activities as part of the conference.
- The local church/school does not have the right to own property, sue or be sued directly, employ individuals, or conduct other legal activities except under the auspices of the local conference.

### SDA CONCEPT OF ORGANIZATION

It recognizes a unity of entities (church, conference, union, General Conference) based on mission, purpose, and belief that binds the believers together in a universal fellowship. While the integrity of each entity is recognized (church, conference, union), each is seen to be a part of a sisterhood which cannot act without reference to the whole. (*NAD Working Policy D 05*)

### SEPARATE BUT NOT INDEPENDENT:

...each level of organization exercises a realm of final authority and responsibility that may have implications for other levels of organization. In a similar manner, each organization is dependent to some extent on the realm of authority exercised by other levels of organization. (*NAD Working Policy B 05 clause 6*)

### THE CONFERENCE...

- Holds legal title to real estate or other tangible property
- Sets policies
- Is the Employer of all staff
- Provides spiritual leadership
- Provides support to various ministries

### LOCAL ENTITIES RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONFERENCE...

- Local church/school is not a separate legal entity
- Actions of local board members/employees and volunteers may bind the conference
- Actual and apparent authority
- Local actions can and do have a direct legal impact on the conference
- Operational boards

## HOW LOCAL ENTITIES EXPOSE THE CONFERENCE... EXAMPLES

- Selecting unsuitable volunteers
- Failing to supervise employees/volunteers
- Allowing or approving questionable or hazardous activities
- Maintenance and selection of vehicles or drivers
- Hiring their own employees
- Entering into contracts binding the Conference
- Renting property
- Allowing use of church-owned property for non-church related activities without proper safeguards

*Material Adapted from: NAD Risk Management Presentation  
General Conference Legal Counsel, Karnik Doukmetzian*

## 2019 ARM & Maritime Conference Initiatives...

- **Conference Risk Management Committee** (the Maritime Conference is in compliance)
- **Cyber Risk Awareness** (new initiative)
- **Pastors Risk Management Education** (Maritime Conference work in progress)
- **Reputational Risk Review** (new initiative)
- **Inspections** (Maritime Conference work in progress)
- **Safety Officer Training** (new initiative)
- **Safety & Fire Drills** (Maritime Conference work in progress)
- **Internal Audit Report Questions** (the Maritime Conference is in compliance & review is in progress)
- **Volunteer Policy, Processes & Procedures** (the Maritime Conference is in compliance & it's a work in progress)

## Christ is our Protector first and foremost!

*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. -Psalm 32:7*

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. -Psalm 46:1*

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. -Deuteronomy 31:6*

*"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. -Isaiah 54:17*

*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. -Proverbs 27:12*

But let us not be negligent in our responsibility. Your prayers are requested as together we do our part to protect God's Church and His ministry on this sinful earth. We don't want to see money wasted on paying out claims that could go into the work of furthering the Gospel message!

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

"Yes. What other great nation has gods that are intimate with them the way God, our God, is with us, always ready to listen to us?" Deut. 4:7 MSG





## Health Ministries

Stephanie Schwarz, Director

### Campmeeting 2018

Were you blessed by the health lectures presented by Barbara O'Neill; or find practical information for the family during Don MacLafferty's seminar? Remember that you can listen to them again on the conference website [www.maritimesda.com-campmeeting](http://www.maritimesda.com-campmeeting) audio page.

### Hope & Wholeness Health Summit

Right now, I am very busy with organizing and registering/accommodating the many people attending the Hope & Wholeness Health Summit at Camp Pugwash from September 26-30. Well over 100 people are coming.

I have given you a recipe for Cauliflower Steak. Try it. It is delicious. ■

## Cauliflower Steak Recipe with Italian Seasoning

**TOTAL TIME: 45 MINUTES**

**SERVES: 3-4**

### INGREDIENTS:

- One large head of cauliflower, sliced
- 1-2 tablespoons avocado oil
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon sea salt (optional)
- 1 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
- 4-5 sprigs fresh thyme
- Juice of ½ lemon

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- 2 On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, add the cauliflower slices.
- 3 Drizzle with avocado oil and top with spices, fresh thyme and lemon juice.
- 4 Bake for 30-45 minutes, or until tender.





**Prayer Ministries**  
Erna McCann, Director

## BOOK REVIEW

“Teach Us to Pray” by Tamyra Horst

In May, while staying with one of my brothers in Oregon, I read the small book, “Teach Us to Pray” by Tamyra Horst. When I first saw the title, I thought it was another book on the Lord’s Prayer, but I quickly realized it wasn’t when I looked at the eight chapter titles. Here are just three chapter titles to peak your interest: “Connecting Prayer,” “Battle Prayers” and “Impacting Prayers.”

In each chapter, Tamyra explores a different type of prayer in an interesting and practical way using personal experiences and stories from the Bible. She ends the chapters with a section titled, “What about you?” in which she personalizes the subject and gives suggestions for making that type of prayer part of your prayer life.

It’s a quick and easy read published by Pacific Press. I liked the book so well, I purchased some to share with family and friends. It’s available online and from the Adventist Christian Book Store in Oshawa, Ontario.

Submitted by Wilma O’Dell

## PRAYER CHAPEL EXPERIENCE

Doug MacArthur Shares

My experiences meeting in the prayer chapel with those gathered for prayer in the early morning began during campmeeting 2017. Not knowing quite what to expect, I came with fear and trepidation. I have found it to be a wonderful experience where people can be vulnerable and share without fearing it will come back to haunt you. It is hard to find a group where you feel comfortable in sharing from the heart.

How uplifting and refreshing it is to be with brothers and sisters in the faith supporting and praying for/with each other as we experience real life and all it brings. I encourage you to join us and experience it for yourself in a place where you can feel safe.

And [God] said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But [Jacob] said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” Gen. 32:26

## MORNING PRAYER TIME

Abigail Rivera Shares

My favourite part in participating in the morning prayer time at the prayer chapel during campmeeting was the fact that there was no judgment. Everybody just came and freely expressed what they wanted to pray for. This made me feel very comfortable sharing my own requests.

More importantly, I sensed the presence of God. I doubt that I have ever felt Him as strongly as I did then. My participation in prayer was a peak in my relationship with my heavenly Father. I learned how to talk to Him as to a best friend. Previously, I was somewhat going through the motions when praying. I also learned that you feel Him more when you wake up early in the morning and spend time with him in silence while it is still dark. As you see the sun coming up, it is as if God is coming up over the earth saying, “I love you!”

To be honest, my entire experience at campmeeting was really inspiring, and the early morning time was so special that it set the stage for every meeting.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

What a blessing to be able to use the Prayer Chapel this year! Such a beautiful, comfortable setting to meet with God, either alone, or with a group. Early each morning from 5 to 6, a group of a dozen or more met to pray together throughout campmeeting.

Many thanks to those whose hard work made this dream a reality:

- Diane McGivery, Ed Sharpe, Wilma O’Dell, Erna McCann, and friends, initial vision, prayers, and promotion
- David Streifling, building plans
- Richard Pangburn, flooring, heating, windows, baseboards, etc.
- Jeremy Casey, Ron Fall, and friends, framing, roof, etc.
- Kelly McCann, woodwork, and trim
- Treva Sharpe and Diane McGivery, the beautiful decor
- Many people who helped, assisted, and prayed as the work was progressing

A few final touches are still needed—a window bench, and finishing of the walls and ceiling.

We pray that God’s presence will fill this place to overflowing, so that everyone who comes near will be encouraged, comforted, and healed. ■

### Prayer Conference Call Access Information

Video Conferencing (Toll-free):

[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

click on the 'Zoom icon'  
then click 'Join a Meeting'

type in ID number: 150256885,  
then click 'Join.'

Phone: 1.647.558.0588 (NOT Toll-free)

Meeting ID: 150256885

Every morning from 5:00-6:00 AM

Every evening from 9:00-9:30 PM

Weekly on Thursday morning at  
5:30-6:30 AM



Praise God for our prayer chapel.  
View looking out the feature windows.



Pray for our pastors and administrators.



## Camp Pugwash

Teresa Ferreira, Camp Director

We were happy to have 21 campers for Blind Camp, including a few new ones, enjoy their time from June 24-29.

Junior campers enjoyed their activities and friends from July 1-8 as 59 kids came from all over.

We were satisfied to have 22 teen campers attend from July 8-15, but know that our numbers will increase next year, by the Grace of God—a week at camp, to reconnect with nature, God and fulfill healthy social interactions is just what every teenager needs in this day and age!

And finally, Specialty Camp (Horsemanship) had 3 campers plus staff attend as the famous ‘Esther Lorenson from Wisconsin’ gave leadership and instruction in equestrian skills. Beyond the saddle, Esther’s program lives and breathes from a spiritual perspective, engaging the physical and the intellect in a way that showcases God. This is a hidden gem program in our Conference; more, young and old, need to come enjoy a Specialty Camp next year; which also includes choices from Waterfront, Gymnastics, Art, or Music as week-long Camps.

Thank you to all the churches that have made sponsorship of local kids possible. Summer may be just over for 2018 and if all our churches start the financial process now of sponsoring kids for next summer, our camp will be full. We look forward to working with you as you reach your community for Jesus. Stay tuned for an incentive program to roll out in future Camp Pulse articles.

We will be developing an official Alumni list connected to Camp Pugwash. If you were a camper, staff member, supporter or know of any, please send all information to 506.609.1386 or [teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com](mailto:teresa.ferreira@maritimesda.com). Thank you. ■

### Tentative Dates for Camp Pugwash 2018/19:

Health Summit	September 26-30
Camp Closes 2018	October 15
Reservation Deadline	January 31, 2019 (for grandfather renters)
Camp Open 2019	mid May
Pathfinder Camporee	May (to be determined)
Spiritual Emphasis	May 31-June 2
Blind Camp	(to be determined)
Junior Camp	(to be determined)
Teen Camp	(to be determined)
Specialty Camp	(to be determined)
Campmeeting 2019	July 26-August 3



## Pathfinder Ministries

William Harrington, Director

To date, we have around 22 persons registered for the International Camporee in Oshkosh and at least 10 more pledging to go, so that will put us at nearly double the attendance of 2014.

### Charlottetown Club News:

These are some pictures of the Charlottetown church new adventurer and pathfinder club. Our induction happened on May 26, 2018 and we inducted 3 pathfinders and 8 adventurers. Our club name is “Fair Isle Foxes” Adventurer and Pathfinder club.



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





**WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SPEAKER AT CAMPMEETING 2018—“Be the Sermon”**



Shawn  
Brace



Francis  
Douville



Bob  
Hayes



Boris  
Jovinov



Dale  
Leamon



Don  
MacLafferty



Barbara  
O’Neill



David  
Kozarichuk



Tarah-Liz  
Springer

Another campmeeting has come and gone. We had over 500 people during most of the week, with over 630 registrants and several others who didn’t check in. Were you blessed by the Spirit-filled presentations? We are confident Christ-centered messages were preached, hearts were moved, and spiritual fodder abounded for both young and old.

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

Praise God for the decision of two (2) precious souls who were baptized on July 28—Julie Bastarache and Mitchel Smith; with Stefanie Finnie being re-baptized the same day.

**CAMPMEETING 2019 — July 26 to August 3, 2019. Mark your calendars!**

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

Here are some of the campmeeting speakers that have confirmed for 2019:

Lee Venden, John Bradshaw--It Is Written USA, Gary Blanchard--Youth Director for the GC (main auditorium).

Our confirmed speakers for 2020 are:

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

Proposed	<b>Camp Pugwash 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Seasonal</b>	<b>Air</b>
	<b>Rental for:</b>	<b>Campmeeting</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>(May 15-Oct 15)</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Camp Pugwash rental and meal charges for 2019	Cabin-Rustic (auditorium field)	\$238	\$35	\$614	CM-\$25
	Single/Double Cabin-Rustic	\$267	\$40	\$699	Seasonal
	Barracks	\$291	\$40	\$783	\$150
	Youth Cabin (sm)	\$318	\$47		
	Youth Cabin (lg)	\$334	\$47		<u>Pets</u>
	Guest Cabin (if available)	\$357	\$52		\$25
	Single Women’s Cabin (if available)	\$85	\$21		
	Trailer w/electric hookup	\$205	\$40	\$643	
	Paradise	\$334	\$47	\$937	Trlr Storage
	Trailer Park (new)	\$351	\$49	\$1191	\$222
	Tents (in designated areas)	\$154	\$22		
	Tent w/electric hookup	\$178	\$31		
	Private Cabin renewal			\$828	
<b>Meals: Breakfast/Supper \$9.50 Dinner \$10.50 Children under 6 yrs \$6.00 per meal</b>					



## Education

Teresa Ferreira, Superintendent

*“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart” (Genesis 6:5-6).*

*“And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man” (Luke 17:26).*

Why did I choose these two verses to focus my article write on in this Pulse? Everywhere I look, I see the imprint of the devil upon our world, distorting the Image of God. How do we provide shelter enough for a child’s soul to be committed to God!? And yet, He’s able to build relationships beyond the evil propaganda of Hollywood, beyond the indoctrination of technology, beyond the philosophy of godlessness, beyond the sin—this blows my mind. What an awesome God we serve!! And His desire IS for us to protect His children from the ‘*roaring lion*’.

I would like to claim territory for God that is dedicated to Adventist Education. We need more schools! God has already been victorious, and as I have conversations with different districts, may He lead the way to an Adventist school system for our children and the children within our communities. As the Halifax church prepares to move their church onto the Sandy Lake Academy property, SLA will stand as our flagship campus for other schools across the Conference to model. Let’s join and PRAY for their upcoming transitions.

What do we expect from a school of leadership? How does one determine a lead school? The essence of leadership is servant leadership, as modelled by Christ:

*Serving others in a context of power promotes trust and relationship.*

*In confidence of His [Jesus’] identity, He was fully able to serve in humility.*

*The act of serving requires us to have a humble view of ourselves.*

*Leadership doesn’t make you better, it just makes you more responsible.*

*Servant leadership focuses on the needs of others, not self.*

*This one act of leadership demonstrates to us true leadership...Serving through love.*

Here are nine (9) Principles that will assist us in our pursuit of servant leadership development:

- 1) Listening—waiting for the voice of God and others
- 2) Compassion—understanding the need for acceptance
- 3) Healing—embracing wholeness as given by God
- 4) Awareness—self-recognizing our humanity before God
- 5) Persuasion—seeking to convince rather than coerce
- 6) Vision—dreaming big with persistence
- 7) Stewardship—being responsible with God’s resources and blessings
- 8) Commitment to Growth—never being satisfied with status quo
- 9) Building Community—doing unto others in unity for God

With Adventist Education, we can **grow** little leaders in Excellence today who will **be** servant leaders tomorrow.

I ask you to join me, Maritime Conference family, in making the following commitment every morning, for we are all God’s servant leader ministers:

### Commitment Read:

*Unless ministers are daily converted, they can never reveal the truth as it is in Jesus—I am unable to describe to you the impression made upon my mind when I realize that many, even among our brethren who are teachers of the Word, are not daily converted. Christ stands ready to impart wisdom and grace; but those in important positions of responsibility can not guide others in the right paths unless they are converted daily. If they rely upon their own supposed wisdom, they will mislead others who look to them believing that these ministers understand the sacred work entrusted to them. Those who accept responsible charges need to be on their guard, and by humble prayer to be sanctified, refined, and purified. Unless they sense their true condition, and unless they become Christlike, they can never reveal the truth as it is in Jesus.*

—Letter 64, 1906 (The Paulson Collection of Ellen G. White Letters, 43). PaM 19.2)

Sandy Lake has been very busy with the opening of school. I will let them fill you in on all the details. ■

## News From Sandy Lake Academy

### The Sun Rises on a New School Year at SLA

From those of us who live and operate in the world of education, we would like to wish a "Happy New Year" from Sandy Lake Academy. My name is Steve Kibbee, and I have been called to serve as your SLA Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. By faith and experience, I can testify today that *God is not finished with Adventist education in the Maritime Conference.*

### Work Bee

We got off to a great start this year with our beginning-of-year work bee. Over 30 hard-working volunteers showed up to beat the heat and get the building and grounds ready for the year. After a delicious breakfast, provided by the ladies of the Fox Point SDA Church, the workers set out to clear an area for our outdoor classroom, plant flowers, clean windows, remodel classrooms, and generally get the facility ready for a new year. Thanks to all who contributed, worked, and prayed.

### Enrollment

Enrollment currently sits at 64 students after a rollercoaster of a ride over the past couple of weeks. As I write, two new students from Ontario are completing their registration in our computer lab into the grade 10 program. Pray that the Lord continues to move on hearts to bring people to our school so that Jesus can meet them here.

### New Staff

SLA has welcomed some new staff into the program after bidding a fond farewell to Martha Boehner and April and Ward Cottreau. Ms. Shawna MacFadzen is now teaching the grade 1-3 class, and has done an amazing job in creating a truly inspiring classroom for her kids. Mrs. Melanie

Kibbee has joined the team as our new High School math teacher. Beyond her math duties which now include both grade 11 and 12 pre-calculus, she is also teaching new courses in gardening & landscaping and personal finance & entrepreneurship. Mrs. Tarah-Liz Springer has been brought in to teach health, French, social studies, and Elementary physical education. We have received great reviews about how immersive and fun her French classes are. Tarah-Liz is married to Pastor Peter McPherson, the new SLA Chaplain and Pastor of Fox Point and Tantallon SDA Churches. Peter has jumped right into the school program, offering his service in the classroom and chapel setting and beyond. Claudia Alor has taken on the role as After-School Care supervisor, and provided a safe and fun environment for the kids participating. Finally, I have entered into SLA life as both Principal and teacher, my duties including a High School physical education course and two Bible classes.

Please remember SLA in both your prayers and finances as we continue to fight the good fight and prove that God is not finished with Adventist Education here in the Maritimes. ■

### Ways to Stay in Touch:

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

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

Twitter: @SandyLakeAcademy

Instagram: SandyLakeAcademy

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

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Tracy DeMerchant, Admissions Phone: 902.835.8548,

Email: [secretary@sandylakeacademy.ca](mailto:secretary@sandylakeacademy.ca)



Here is a picture of our full crew: Left to right: Claudia Alor, Sharri Scott, Ron Scott, Gina Walker, Tracy DeMerchant, Shawna MacFadzen, Viktoria Brunets, Tarah-Liz Springer, Melanie Kibbee, Stephen Kibbee, Kristii Rasmussen, Ken Harrington, Pastor Peter McPherson (back).



### Treasury Report Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

2018 has not been kind financially to our Conference. With the departure of two of our pastors and the retirement of another, we faced three moves for replacement pastors. One district has been waiting for a year for a pastor and we finally obtained one recently. A further departure and retirement at our Academy required another two moves for replacements. We praise God for the individuals He has provided as replacements!

There were several other unexpected expenses that came up that we had to deal with that could not be put off.

Additionally, our tithe has been running 4% less than last year which, admittedly, was a record-breaking tithe year; hard to top for sure.

These realities can be very discouraging, a wet blanket for us all. Personally, I needed a lift from this burden and, with the help of my wife, discovered lessons that we all can learn from.

2 Kings chapter 4 records the story of the healing of the Shunamite woman's son, after which scripture tells us that, "Elisha went back down to Gilgal. There was a famine there. While he was consulting with the guild of prophets, he told his servant, 'Put a large pot on the fire and cook up some stew for the prophets. One of the men went out into the field to get some herbs; he came across a wild vine and picked gourds from it, filling his gunnysack. He brought them back, sliced them up, and put them in the stew, even though no one knew what kind of plant it was. The stew was then served up for the men to eat. They started to eat, and then exclaimed, 'Death in the pot, O man of God! Death in the pot!' Nobody could eat it. Elisha ordered, "Get me some meal." Then he sprinkled it into the stew pot. Now serve it up to the men," he said. They ate it, and it was just fine - nothing wrong with that stew! (2 Kings 4:38-41 *Message*).

Under normal circumstances throwing some 'meal' into a pot of stew will not eliminate the 'death,' or poison, in the stew. But this was not a 'normal' circumstance. There was a great need and God was ready to supply.

Commenting on that story, we read in *Prophets and Kings*, page 189, "The lesson is for God's children in every age. When the Lord gives a work to be done, let not men stop to inquire into the reasonableness of the command or the probable result of their efforts to obey. The supply in their hands may seem to fall short of the need to be filled; but in the hands of the Lord it will prove more than sufficient. The servitor 'set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.'

A fuller sense of God's relationship to those whom He has purchased with the gift of His Son, a greater faith in the onward progress of His cause in the earth—this is the great need of the church today. **Let none waste time in deploring the scantiness of their visible resources. The outward appearance may be unpromising, but energy and trust in God will develop resources. The gift brought to Him with *thanksgiving and with prayer for His blessing*, He will *multiply* as He multiplied the food given to the sons of the prophets and to the weary multitude."**

These statements are fully in harmony with scripture: "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let **petitions and praises** shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life" (Philippians 4:6,7 *Message*).

Will you join me in giving praise to God for the wonderful resources He has provided us with and for the promises, if believed, that will "settle us down?" ■



We often carry burdens, heavy burdens, when help, big help, is nearby. I took this picture in Hunter River PEI, going to church one Sabbath.

# NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

## DARTMOUTH

### *Discover Bible School*

After fifteen years and over 110 names of people who enrolled in the Discover Bible School (DBS), the question was what to do with the record of names and addresses. Most people did not progress past the first lesson nor attend any church event to which they were invited. Rather than deleting their names, Dartmouth SDA Church held a Discover Weekend July 6-8, 2018 in the hope of reigniting their interest in studying with DBS.

What is a Discover Weekend? Each evening there was an hour long Bible study with activities to foster people getting to know each other.

Discover Weekend was open to the general public with the advertising relying on personal invites. The event was rather quiet with the largest number in attendance being sixteen and at most three visitors. Rather than get discouraged about zero students coming, we count it a success that one lady liked the idea of self-paced lessons and signed up with DBS. A couple of weeks later, a Voice of Prophecy letter arrived with a name of someone who requested two series of Bible studies. It was one of our former students! Although they didn't come for the weekend, maybe the invitations inspired them to find Voice of Prophecy's website on Discover lessons.

Discover Weekend was a success in a more fundamental way. It got people to hold an evangelistic effort without a pastoral team leading out. Besides that, we had some responses from the students which directed how we would clean up the records. One former student wrote her appreciation to our church because she's a Christian now because of our work. That was affirmation of the work Discover Bible Schools and Personal Ministries do!

If you have questions of how to operate a Discover Bible School in your area or how to put on a Discover Weekend, contact Shirleen Luttrell at [every1praise@yahoo.com](mailto:every1praise@yahoo.com) or by calling 902-869-0051.

### *Vacation Bible School*

Dartmouth SDA Church hosted a Vacation Bible School August 20-24th, 2018. A handful of volunteers came out each evening after work to help make it possible. To motivate the volunteers, seven of the eleven kids from last year pre-registered. Just like last year, the week started off with three children initially showing up. We gained more children as time went by. We ended the week with four new participants and a total of nine children having been part of our VBS.

The VBS theme for the year was "Sea of Miracles" and centered on Jesus. Part of the presentation was having kids interact with Simona (Peter's mother-in-law), Peter and Simona's maid as they shared about Jesus. The other parts of the program included learning Bible verses, singing songs, playing games, and doing crafts. The crafts were designed to teach the kids about life in Jesus' day. They learned how to make perfume, sandals, pottery, bake bread, use a sling shot, and make grape juice and dry fruit. The kids loved the program so much they invited their friends to come.

What was even better was that the conference loaned a VBS package so that our volunteers didn't have to create from scratch. And this program is accessible to your church. You might want to consider doing such a thing next year! And certainly buy those 30 pounds of grapes. The kids were crazy over that! The squeals of delight made it worth it.



**Vacation Bible School Cont'd**

We ended the week with a graduation Sabbath morning. In spite of our tiredness from running all week long, it was worth seeing our visitors come for the graduation and stay for potluck afterwards. We pray that they will consider coming to other events in the future, and maybe even Sabbath School.

Thanks belong to our conference and donors who gave the means to make it happen. We would especially like to thank those who volunteered: Jascinth Butterfield, Claudine Belhomme, Melissa Harriot, Nicole Luttrell, Patricia Barker, Marcus Bennett, Dianna Clarke, and Shirleen Luttrell. Their contribution made an impact for eternity!

**HALIFAX****Music in the Park**

For the last three summers at the invitation of our Adventist Youth leader, Ziporah Nyanchama, several church members and friends have gone to the beautiful Public Gardens in Halifax to sing for the community and hand out Glow Tracts. Each time we meet new friends and connect with people who perhaps remember songs of praise and hymns from their childhood but have not heard them in a long time. They often join in singing, suggest songs, ask for prayer or simply sit and listen as we sing. We never know who we are going to meet—seniors out for social time, passengers off a cruise ship, newlyweds talking photos in the gardens, young couples and families. Often we have Muslim families stop by with looks of curiosity at first, and then they too, take a seat nearby and listen. Just recently as we sang, a group of nuns visiting from Toronto heard us singing and decided to join because they were inspired by the sweet songs and by our ministry. Jesus says we must be on the highways and by-ways to meet with people and the Halifax Public Gardens are just the perfect place!

**Beyond the Veil-GYC 2018**

“Beyond the veil, our Saviour leads  
Beyond the veil, He daily pleads”

These words are taken from the theme song for the General Youth for Christ 2018 Conference, which took place in Montreal Quebec in August. While the investigative judgment might seem like a heavy topic, that was the focus this year.

Christ’s work in the sanctuary is a defining message in the Adventist Church and if we are the youth intended to finish the work, we need to understand all aspects of this important truth.

Youth across Canada explored the importance of Christ’s righteousness, the gift of prophecy as exemplified by Ellen White, and how our society’s dependence on media and technology can affect our walk with God in these last days.

Rumor has it that if you go to GYC once, you have to keep going; after such an empowering, Spirit-filled experience I think it’s safe to say that the Maritime youth have caught the bug! 20 young people from across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were able to attend, and a positive experience was had by all.

In such a small conference with few youth, we can sometimes become hyper-focused on ourselves and our issues; forgetting that there is a world out there that is looking for the love of God. What a wonderful blessing to encourage, gain perspective, and to learn from each other as we work to show God’s true character and await Christ’s soon return. (K. Trotman)



# HALIFAX

## Community Luncheon and Health Fair



As the banner indicates, another Community Luncheon and Health Fair was held again on Canada Day, July 1/18. Pictured are the Sabbath School officers and Health Ministries team and helpers who led out in the different stations. ■

### ***Baby Shower for Special Family***

Janet and Himanchu Kodali and daughter, Hazel, are expecting a new baby boy in their family. After moving to Nova Scotia from their home in India almost two years ago, this new baby was a big deal. They had left behind family, friends and community when they made the big move, so expecting a new baby was wonderful, but they missed having their family and close friends nearby. When people immigrate to a new country they are not just leaving people behind, they are leaving their community culture and safety networks, so having a new baby in a new country can be exciting but challenging when you don't have the arms of grandmas, aunts and cousins to share in the impending birth.

The ladies at Halifax church understand that challenge and rose to the occasion by throwing an Indian themed baby shower for Janet and Himanchu to help prepare for their little boy, Harvey. The theme was "From India With Love." The decor, the Indian artifacts and traditional blessing and prayer customs were all incorporated into the day. The event was more significant by having Helen Koipialla, (pictured below left of Janet) a member of the Halifax church, attend, at 88 years of age and living in Canada for



over 65

years. She was excited to be a special guest of honour, who coincidentally speaks the same dialect as Janet Kodali.

To celebrate the theme and truly let Janet know we wanted to celebrate her culture, each lady in attendance wore a beautiful sari as a surprise. The Bible reminds us that we are to take care of each other. We were reminded at camp-meeting by speaker Bob Hayes on how to build a healthy church.

Recommendation number one was to get to know each other better and celebrate together. I think we are off to a good start.



### **MIDDLETON**

#### ***Afternoon Tea***

In June, an afternoon tea was attended by local widows in our community as a social and outreach event. An invited guest from the RCMP Seniors Safety Program will be presenting information at the next event in September regarding how to protect oneself while using the Internet.

#### ***Cooking Club***

In October, members and guests are invited to join the "Cooking Club." Our community service leader, Anne Lightbourn will be presenting interesting and informative vegan recipes for all to taste and sample. Unlike the traditional cooking school format, this will have an informal approach that will encourage all participants to share and later present their own recipes.

"[E]veryone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." Matt. 7:8

## PUGWASH

**Church Dedication Service—September 8, 2018**

This is the second expansion and the second Church Dedication Service of the Pugwash SDA Church. The first Church Dedication Service was held on November 9, 1996 and the second one was held on Sabbath, September 8, 2018.



The first picture (right) was what the church looked like on the outside between the first expansion and the second expansion.

The second picture (right) is what the church looks like now on the outside after the completion of the second expansion.



Construction began on August 4, 2014 with the removal of the front entrance overhead (see the first picture) and was completed to what the next picture looks like now in the summer of 2018 with the final inside work dealing with the final work on the hooking up of the plumbing and electricity of the church baptistry in August, 2018 just in time for the first baptism in our new baptistry (see picture right) on Sabbath, August 4, 2018.



In the next picture (below) there were approximately 120 or so in attendance with the excess number sitting in chairs at the back of the church and out into the church foyer. This included many from the community.

Bob Beanlands welcomed everybody and introduced the participants. Teresa Ferreira, representing the Maritime Conference, had the invocation. The Opening Hymn was "The Church Has One Foundation." Kim Dorey presented the history of the church. Tom Nepjuk had the Scripture Reading (2 Chronicles 6:12,14,18-21;



7:1-3). "For The Master" sang "Bless This House". Pastor David Hamilton had the Dedicatory Sermon on "God's Providence" where he went through the history of God's providence in the fund raising phases and the construction phases of the church and also had the Act of Dedication. Cheryl Hamilton sang a song titled, "The Mission." Pastor David Streifling had the Prayer of Dedication. The Closing Hymn was "Take My Life and Let It Be." Pastor Carvil Richards had the Benediction.

The service was followed by a lunch in the Camp cafeteria in which most, if not all, of those in attendance also went over to enjoy the lunch.

A lovely Church Dedication Cake, that you can see in the picture right, was one of the highlights of the lunch.

The picture (right) shows Pastor David Hamilton and Ron Fall cutting the cake. Both of them spent a great many hours in the construction of the new part of the church and in the renovation of the old portion of the church.

You can watch the service at the Pugwash Church site on the Pugwash SDA TV tab at [pugwashsdachurch.org](http://pugwashsdachurch.org)



### ***The Appearing Is Coming This October!***

This fall, from October 11-15, churches across North America will present a new series from the Voice of Prophecy called *The Appearing*, hosted by Pastor Shawn Boonstra and local pastors. Following in the footsteps of the award-winning *Shadow Empire* and *A Pale Horse Rides* series, this five-part event will only be available in local churches and will combine cutting-edge media with Bible clarity to reveal what Scripture actually says about the Second Coming. An all-new book and Bible studies will also be available.

Visit [appearing.org](http://appearing.org) to find the location near you; many more will be added in the coming weeks. Don't see your church on the list? Encourage them to sign up at [www.appearing.org/host](http://www.appearing.org/host).



**NORTH SYDNEY**

**Wedding/Baptism Celebrations**

Wayne and Kelly had been facing life’s struggles together while raising their eight children when they met William and Melinda. As they got to know each other they realized that both families had faced struggles with addictions and were searching for a church, for a Way to new Life. Wayne’s family had watched him wander his own way for many years and continually lifted him in prayer. After over 20 years of prayer, God was able to bring Wayne, along with his wife and friends, back to the church of his childhood. Our whole church rejoiced as these four precious souls joined us for worship and Bible studies.

The high Sabbath of this summer for our church was July 7, 2018. Friends and family of Wayne, Kelly, William and Melinda joined us at the edge of a quiet inlet from the ocean. While the sun shone, soft breezes blew, and the younger children played in the grass, the four friends stood together and made their vows to put Jesus first. Pastor Unger baptized first Wayne and Kelly and then William and Melinda.

This summer, we have also celebrated the weddings/vow renewals of the two couples. They were fully supported by the church family, with volunteers decorating and organizing a reception for both ceremonies. We are grateful to God for leading His children to renew their commitments to each other.

As a church family we have all been inspired as we see them fall in love with Jesus more and more. Our church family has grown not only in numbers, but in Spirit and a sense of mission for those around us.



Pictured:  
Above: William’s baptism,  
On right: William and Melinda,  
Below: Kelly and Wayne, with Sara (Wayne’s mother) and John (Wayne’s step-father)



**YARMOUTH**

**Wanted: Stories of Faith**

DO YOU HAVE A STORY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? We are looking for personal stories of faith, answered prayer or testimonies of God encounters to compile in a book to encourage one another. I’m sure that there are many stories out there because I have heard a few of them. If you are willing to give us a story, please email Bonnie Parsons at [bonniesands@yahoo.ca](mailto:bonniesands@yahoo.ca), call 902-307-1885 or write to her at 816 Gavel Rd, Tusket NS B0W 3M0.

**BIRTH**

Evita Emily Dorteia was born in late April 2018, to Rosalie and Marius Grigore of Lakeville NS. A sweet sister for Astrid, Joshua, Jeremiah and Sarah. Middleton church welcomed her with a baby shower in June and special baby dedication in August.

“[T]hough I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing” 1 Cor. 13:2

OBITUARY

**EDGAR, James William** —81, of Bayside NS, passed away peacefully at home with his family on July 12, 2018. He was a very loving husband, father, uncle and friend. He was well-known in the community and beyond. Jim was a long time and active member of the Halifax SDA Church in the past, but has been missed for some time. He gave many quality years helping at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank. He was quite the jokester and had an amazing sense of humour which will be missed dearly. He loved baseball and played in his younger years. He also loved hockey and played with the Prospect Road Old-timers for a number of years, but more than anything he loved his family and his family of friends. He was a longtime employee of Robinson Brothers Express Limited of 37 years. He is survived by his wife, Veronica (Oickle); daughter, Teena Smith (Cyril); sons, Jim (Judy), Doug (Carol), and Greg (Tammy); sisters, Judy Slaunwhite (Terry) and Gerry Benoit (Ron); grandchildren, James, Aleigha, Charlene, Holly, Matthew, Kyle, Dillon and Jenna; Great-grandchildren, Torrin, Leighara and Zoe. He was predeceased by his parents, James W Edgar and Madeline (Fader); brothers, Reid and Richard; sisters, Mary, Jean, Irene and Frances.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Halifax church is blessed to have many children do special music. Pictured here is Hazel Kodali singing "Her Father's Eyes" at Sabbath school. Janet, her mother, holds the words.



Middleton church hosted a surprise potluck at the Lightbourn residence to honour our pastor on the occasion of a 'significant milestone.'

CAMPMEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

Application forms for 2019 Campmeeting/ Seasonal accommodations will be mailed out to the grandfather list in November 2018.

Confirmation and payment of the \$75.00 non-refundable deposit must be received by **January 31, 2019** or the accommodation/site will be available for use by other interested individuals.

Contact Jullie Bannister for more information.

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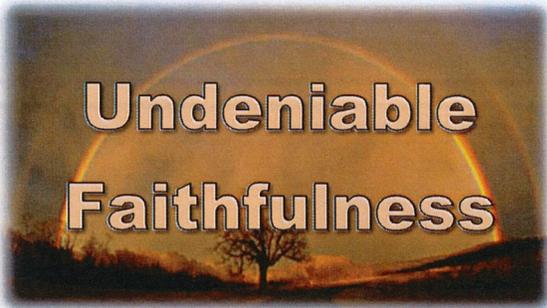
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**The speaker:**

**Pastor Bryan Gallant**—Bryan is the Refugee Ministries Coordinator for the Iowa-Missouri Conference. He is an ordained minister of the Adventist church with a passion for people and God’s Word. You will be blessed by the powerful testimony which he calls “Undeniable—An epic journey through pain.”

## ADRA Canada Annual Appeal



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

You may give to ADRA Canada through your local church in the tithe envelope, or by sending your cheque directly to them by mail: ADRA Canada, 20 Robert St W, Newcastle ON L1B 2G1, or online at [www.adra.ca](http://www.adra.ca) click on "Donate" link at the bottom of the home page.

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

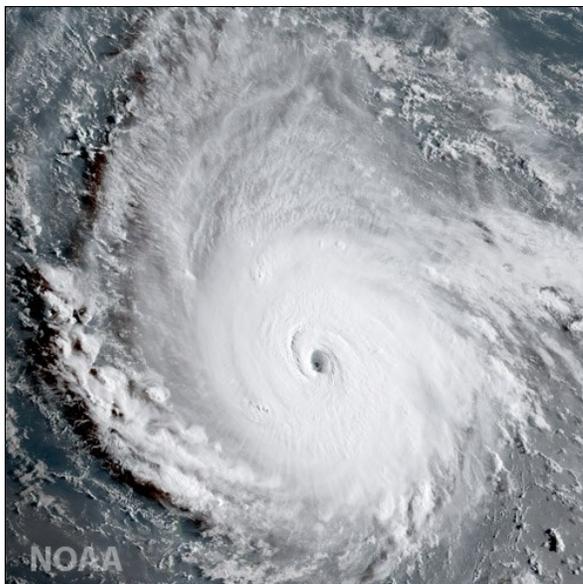
The petitions must be offered in earnest faith. Then they will reach the mercy-seat. EG White, Early Writings, 73



### Cast Your Vote!

The Aviva Community Fund is calling on Canadians to vote for proposed community development projects across Canada. ADRA Canada is calling for your vote for a greenhouse project for a First Nations Community in Northern Ontario. The Bearskin Lake community is so remote that fresh produce can only be imported by air. A greenhouse would extend the growing season and provide fresh produce for the whole community.

Cast your vote at: [www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/project/view/18-574](http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/voting/project/view/18-574)



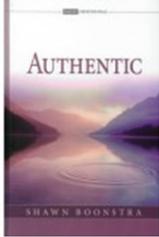
Over the past week, Typhoon Mangkhut cut a swath of destruction in the northern Philippines. The storm's strong winds and heavy rains caused mudslides and flooding. **Thousands remain in emergency shelters and they need urgent support.** The ADRA network has an emergency response team in the affected area. Shelter kits are already being distributed. Food is also on the way. More assistance is needed. You can help by making a donation to our Hurricanes fund at <https://www.adra.ca/product/hurricanes/> and by encouraging others to add their support.

**Now there is the Indonesia earthquake/tsunami,** "The devastation is extensive and the situation on the ground is chaotic. Homes were swept away, buildings and bridges collapsed, roads buckled and cracked. Thousands of people are sleeping outside fearing strong aftershocks." Thank you for your prayers and compassion.

Sincerely, Stephen Matthews

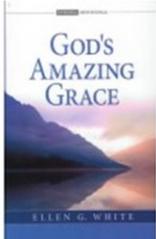
Please make a donation to our Emergency Response fund at <http://www.adra.ca/product/emergency-relief/>.

# 2019 DEVOTIONALS



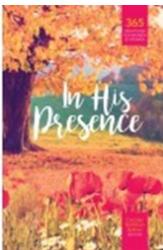
## Authentic (2019 Adult Devotional)

By Shawn Boonstra  
Each entry in **Authentic** is a moment of reflection, a brief peek at one small facet of the stunning picture of Jesus provided to us in the three angels' messages.



## God's Amazing Grace (2019 Evening Devotional)

By Ellen G. White  
As we make Christ our daily companion we shall feel that the powers of an unseen world are all around us; and by looking unto Jesus we shall become assimilated to His image.



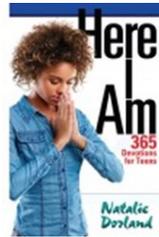
## In His Presence (2019 Women's Devotional)

By Carolyn Rathbun Sutton  
Be blessed as you walk through these inspirational stories written by women who have rediscovered an ever-present Friend—and love like they've never known.



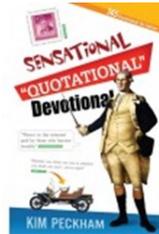
## Conviction (2019 Young Adult Devotional)

By Troy Fitzgerald  
As you stir, think, and practice a life of conviction, your faith will deepen and your heart will grow in Christ.



## Here I Am (2019 Teen Devotional)

By Pastor Natalie Dorland  
**Here I Am**, a daily devotional for teens, will help you recognize your potential for greatness with God. With God, there is no age discrimination. As with Samuel, God often calls youth to do big things for Him.



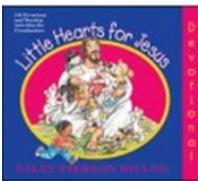
## Sensational "Quotational" Devotional (2019 Junior Devotional)

By Kim Peckham  
Each daily devotion in **Sensational Quotational Devotional** begins with a quotation and ends with a Bible verse meant to make you stop and think, to examine your values and the choices you make each and every day.



## God's Amazing Creation

By Vicki Redden, Dee Litten Reed, Joelle Reed Yamada  
In this Primary devotional, kids will meet sharks, bears, and puppy dogs. They'll learn each day about our wonderful, incredible world that God has made. Amazing facts are crammed in each lesson like how many mosquitoes a brown bat can catch in an hour or how horned toads protect themselves. God's Amazing Creation celebrates nature and will connect children early on to their savior.



## Little Hearts for Jesus

By Sally Pierson Dillon  
Contains 180 devotions written to help little ones delight in our wonderful God, along with worship activities, games, crafts, and songs to help make them more meaningful.

## Adventist Public Radio

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

A creation slide show on your computer, smartphone or T.V while you listen!  
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Doug Bachelor answers two Q&A's with callers once every hour  
Adventist Preachers, bringing the message of righteousness by faith  
Inspiring music featuring the very best of Adventist artists  
New Start Healing

### Sabbath Morning

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

### Evenings For Kids

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

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

## Adventist Resources

### New Radio Program for Kids:

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



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

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away. Song of Sol. 2:10

**Maritime Pulse**

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

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

The next Maritime Pulse deadline is December 1, 2018.

**Distribution of Maritime Pulse**

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

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

**MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS**

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

**We are closed on Friday.**

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

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

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

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

**MARITIME CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2018**

<b>September</b>	Health Focus	
Sep. 9-15	Nurture Periodicals/Family Togetherness Week	
Sep. 15	Let's Move Day/Family Togetherness Sabbath	
Sep. 16-22	Hispanic Heritage Week/Let's Move Week	
Sep. 22	Maritime Advance	Offering
Sep. 29	13th Sabbath-Northern Asia-Pacific Div.	Offering
Sep. 29	Burman University	Offering
<b>October</b>	Adventist Heritage Focus	
Oct. 6	Children's Sabbath	
Oct. 9	Clerk 3rd Qtr Statistical Report Due	Conference
Oct. 13	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Oct. 13	Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath/Clergy Appreciation	
Oct. 13	Canadian Voice of Prophecy	Offering
Oct. 20	Pathfinder Sabbath	
Oct. 21	Conference Board of Directors	Conference
Oct. 27	Local Church Member Attendance Count to be taken	
Oct. 27	Maritime Advance	Offering
<b>November</b>	Prayer Focus	
Nov. 3	Local Church Member Attendance Count to be taken	
Nov. 3	Stewardship Sabbath	
Nov. 3-24	Native Heritage Month	
Nov. 4-10	Week of Prayer	
Nov. 10	Annual Sacrifice	Offering
Nov. 10	Human Relations Sabbath	
Nov. 15	National Philanthropy Day	
Nov. 17	SS & Church Attendance Count to be taken	
Nov. 17	Welcome Home Sabbath	
Nov. 24	Maritime Advance	Offering
<b>December</b>	Christian Hospitality Focus	
Dec. 1	Bible Sabbath	
Dec. 3	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Dec. 8	Adv. Min. of Compassion Cda	Offering
Dec. 8	Prison Ministry Sabbath	
Dec. 9	Board of Directors Meeting	Video
Dec. 20	SLA Christmas Program	SLA
Dec. 22	Maritime Advance	Offering
Dec. 29	13th Sabbath-Southern Asia-Pacific Division	Offering
Dec. 29	Canadian Evangelism	Offering
<b>2018 MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS</b>		
	Lake Union and North Pacific Union	Offering



# Footsteps of Apostle Paul Cruise

July 7 – 19, 2019

## *A Journey Into Bible History!*

*Imagine walking in the places where the Apostle Paul travelled and preached... sailing on the beautiful blue Mediterranean where he sailed... If you would enjoy exploring these sites and more in Italy, Turkey, and Greece with a group of Christian friends, then please consider joining us for our 12-Day Footsteps of Apostle Paul Cruise, and our optional 3-Night Pre-cruise Tour in Rome!*



## “Walking in the Footsteps of Apostle Paul”

As you’ve been studying your Sabbath school lessons this quarter, have you thought of how amazing it would be to visit Athens and Corinth? Maybe you’d like to stand on the Areopagus (Mars Hill) where Paul spoke to the Athenian philosophers, or walk in the Agora (public square) where he went daily to talk to the people. Nearby Corinth is where Paul lived for over a year... imagine walking in the marketplace there and thinking of what it must have been like for Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla to be selling their tents on a bustling market day! Or maybe you’ve thought you’d like to walk down the streets and into the buildings of Ephesus, the city where Paul lived longer than any other on his missionary journeys. You could try out the surprising acoustics in the amphitheater and imagine the scenes from Acts 19...

If you would enjoy exploring these sites and much more... walking in the places where Paul travelled and preached, and sailing on the beautiful blue Mediterranean where he sailed... then please consider joining us—Ron and Sharri Scott—and a group of Christian friends for our 12-Day Footsteps of Apostle Paul Cruise, and optional 3-Night Pre-cruise Tour in Rome!

We will be sailing round-trip from Rome, July 7-19, 2019, on Holland America Line’s Koningsdam. (The return date is a full week before campmeeting begins!) The optional pre-cruise tour of Rome will be July 4-6. The places we’ll visit include Athens, Corinth, Rome, and Ephesus as mentioned above, as well as Crete, Rhodes, Katakolon (Olympia), Naples (Pompeii), Mykonos, and Santorini.

We are planning for this tour to be both inspiring and relaxing, a time to experience some incredible ancient history, as well as having time to connect with our spouse/family. As we visit the various ports, we will have some (optional) organized excursions that we can do together, and other days you’ll be “on your own,” free to explore as you wish. Many of our planned tours will be to UNESCO World Heritage sites!

If you would like more info about this trip-of-a-lifetime, please visit our event page on Facebook, or contact me directly. We’d love to have you join us!

Carefree On The Sea

Ron and Sharri Scott

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To see full trip details, click on “Events” on our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/carefreeonthesea](http://www.facebook.com/carefreeonthesea)