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NEWS

Ontario Conference School of Evangelism to Launch on March 4, 2011

January 18, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

The Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is set to launch its recently announced school of evangelism on Sabbath, March 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Willowdale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Conference president, Dr. Mansfield Edwards, along with fellow officers and a number of departmental directors will be present to launch the new school.

It is expected that all registered participants, along with many others, will be present at the launch of what Edwards describes as a “historic occasion for the church in Ontario”. The participants will also have an opportunity to meet their course instructors prior to the beginning of class on March 27 at Kingsview Village Adventist Church.

Personal Ministries director, Pastor Eustace Williams, says that the launch will be inspirational, motivational and educational. “It’s going to be a very rich experience”, he says. “Even members who do not live within easy reach
of the live teaching and have registered to participate through the planned webinars will be to watch the launch as it is streamed live to their computers. All our participants will be able to experience the joy of the launch.”

The Ontario Conference School of Evangelism (OCSE) is already proving very popular among church members, many of whom are registering to secure their place. While those who delay and miss the February 24 deadline will be very disappointed, they will be pleased to learn that they will be able to register for the 2011 class.

According to Dr. Errol Lawrence, Ontario Conference Evangelism and Church Growth coordinator, the OCSE will offer two very practical tracks for members to be trained by highly qualified and skilled teachers. However, additional tracks and levels of training will be added.

“After a short while,” says Lawrence, “Ontario will have an army of trained lay evangelists who will not only fan the flames of evangelism in the province but will help it to blaze into an unquenchable inferno of soul-winning. We are really expecting God to do some outstanding things in our province.”

For registration information, members may see their local pastor or contact the Personal Ministries Department of the Ontario Conference at 905-571-1022; ext 111.

Graz Recognized at Richmond Gala

On January 13th, Dr. John Graz, the Secretary General of the International Religious Liberty Association and Director of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s religious liberty work, received the Counsel on America’s First Freedom’s “National Award” for his contribution to advancing the cause of religious liberty. The Counsel on America’s First Freedom exists to promote religious freedom and owns the site where Thomas Jefferson’s Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was enacted; the statute that was the precursor of the religion causes in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Dr. Graz was praised at the event for his tireless efforts to promote religious freedom in many areas of the globe. During his acceptance speech, Dr. Graz noted his family’s rich history of defending human rights, including the example of his grandfather who perished in Dachau concentration camp where he was imprisoned by the Nazis for his role in helping Jews and French resistance members escape from occupied France to Switzerland. He also outlined his dream of active organizations in every corner of the world ensuring the promise of religious freedom becomes a daily reality.

“We are very proud of Dr. Graz,” notes Dr. Ted Wilson, the President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “His contribution to the field of religious freedom is outstanding, and it is not surprising that his stature in the field has been recognized at such a prestigious event. He is a great resource for our church; indeed, he is a great champion for all people of faith.”

Source: International Religious Liberty Association Intelligence Brief, Wednesday 19, 2011.

Adventist Resources Increasingly on Smartphone Technology

January 7, 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, Ansel Oliver/ANN

Two organizations at the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters are putting more of their resources on Smartphone technology.

Both the Sabbath School/Personal Ministries department and the estate of church co-founder Ellen G. White have recently released upgrades to their apps. The newly upgraded app from The White Estate now makes available all of White's published writings. The Sabbath School department puts in an app all its study guides, from Beginner through the Adult Bible Study Guide.

Both apps are free; the iPhone/iPad versions are available in Apple, Inc.'s online iTunes store.

The Sabbath School app is available for the iPhone, iPad and Android platforms in English, French and Spanish, said Falvo Fowler, the department's editor and executive producer. The app also features media produced by the department, including Sabbath School University videos, Daily Collegiate Quarterly readings, multi-language podcasts and Kindergarten lesson animations. Cool Tools, a resource for Sabbath School and small group leaders, is built into the app.
The department also posts its Kindergarten animations on YouTube and Vimeo, Fowler said. The YouTube channel now includes closed captioning in both English and Mandarin. Resources in more languages are in development.

In addition, an iPad app set for release next month for the GraceLink study series will feature a digital felt board, Fowler said. Parents, teachers and kids will be able to tell stories by manipulating and moving characters and backgrounds specific to that week's story.

Fowler said apps can also connect to a projector or monitor for presenting to audiences.

The new app from the White Estate includes all 412 books written by White or later compiled from her writings, said Darryl Thompson, assistant director of the Ellen G. White Estate. The app also features search ability of the entire White library, a King James Version of the Bible and Webster's contemporary 1828 dictionary. It also allows users to create notes to share via e-mail, Facebook or Twitter. Additionally, every Bible verse reference is hyperlinked.

The Estate has also released EGW Lite, with content based on 10 of White's most popular books, Thompson said. The Lite app was created for users with limited storage devices or 3G coverage.

The White Estate is developing an Android version for release later this year, Thompson said.

For more information on the White Estate app, visit whiteestate.org.

**UPDATE:**

The latest, released on January 11, is called InPrayer, and is the product of the church's Revival and Reformation Committee.

According to that group's website, "InPrayer is a mobile application developed by the Adventist church, which is designed to facilitate a global prayer chain that prays for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This prayer movement, called 777, is designed to encourage Seventh-day Adventists to pray 7 days a week at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. It is part of a larger initiative to encourage Revival and Reformation within the Seventh-day Adventist church."

There are several modules available to InPrayer users: a configurable daily reminder to pray at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; a map view that shows you where every other member interacting with the app is located; a daily devotional focused on the Holy Spirit; global prayer requests; a local prayer request module allowing you track your own personal requests; Facebook integration that pushes a configurable status to your Facebook account and Twitter integration that pushes a configurable tweet to your Twitter account.

Versions of the InPrayer app are available, free of charge, for both the Apple iPhone and Google Android platforms.

--additional reporting by Mark A. Kellner

*Source: Adventist News Network*

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 17 to 21**

New Year’s Resolution/Breath Free in 2011 at College Park Church

Do you know someone who wants to quit smoking? Help will be available at College Park Church during the National Non-Smoking Week, from Monday, January 17, to Friday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. Call 905-725-1121 to reserve a seat and free materials. More information is available on CPC’s website, [www.collegeparkchurch.ca](http://www.collegeparkchurch.ca). Nightly sessions will be facilitated by Pastor F. Edgar Nunes and Dr. Will Marcoux, MD. Carole-Ann Sullivan, PhD, will make a presentation on Friday, Jan 21 on the “Effects of Smoking on the Brain”.

**January 30**
Family, Men’s, Women’s & Singles Ministries Leaders…

You are invited to attend a FREE! “Hands-on, How-to” Ministry Leadership Training on Sunday January 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Willowdale Adventist Church, 535 Finch Avenue West, North York. LEARN to lead prayerfully, GAIN INSIGHT into your ministry, MEET fellow leaders, SHARE ideas and brainstorm, EXPLORE resources and find inspiration! Lunch is provided to registrants only. Go to www.AdventistOntario.org and click on events to register, or call 905-571-1022 ext. 204 (Toronto Line 905-686-5757).

February 4  
OASIS Praise & Worship at Hamilton Mountain Church

**WHEN:** Friday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. sharp  
**WHERE:** Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church, 284 Concession Road, Hamilton, On.  
**WHAT:** OASIS Praise & Worship Event, sponsored by Music Department of Hamilton Mountain Church

The objective of OASIS is to develop a regularly occurring, contemporary, relevant and reverent gathering that people can escape to. The sole purpose at the gathering is to sincerely worship God, to celebrate and meditate on how great and awesome our God is, and authentically praise Him for His goodness through music and the spoken word. It is a gathering where Christ-centred, God-focused praise and worship is experienced by all who attend.

February 5  
We Are Family Experience

Berea Seventh-day Adventist Family Life Department is spearheading the "WE ARE FAMILY" evangelistic outreach during the month of February. Charles N. Leader, the Berea church pastor, would bring the Word of God alive with "good old" evangelistic preaching combining themes from Black History experience with current Family Life issues. Beginning February 5, 2011, meetings will be held on Sabbath morning during the worship hour, Sabbath afternoons at 5:30; Sundays at 5:30; Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 'o clock. There will be special choirs on Sabbath afternoons, "good old" gospel singing on Sunday evenings, and special prayers on Wednesdays. Friday evening is devoted to our young people from kindergarten to senior youth.

Everyone is invited to the special "WE ARE FAMILY" BANQUET sponsored by the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church to be held at the Wexford Presbyterian Church Hall (Latter Rain Church), 7 Elinor Drive, Scarborough ON at 4:30 p.m., Sunday February 13, 2011. During the banquet, Pastor Leader will be launching a CD of hymns titled, "A JOYFUL NOISE". The banquet is $15 per person, $25 per couple. The special banquet-cost of the CD is $10. The banquet is free for all youth sixteen and under, inviting at least one non-Adventist friend. Adults inviting their non-Adventist friends will each receive a CD free of cost.

Tickets for the banquet are available from members of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. Do contact 905-706-0235 or 647-856-1782 for questions about this wonderful family experience.

May 27, 2011  
The 57th Toronto Junior Academy/Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend, May 27-29, 2011

Honoured classes are: TJA Grade 10 Classes of ’76 and ’71; CAA Grade 12 Classes of ’01, ’96, ’91, ’86 and Grade 11 Class of ’81. The 3rd Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Station Creek Golf Course, Gormley, ON. Walk’n Roll 4 Education will be on Sunday, May 29, 2011. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact, Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement at 866-960-2125, ext. 234. dhall@tadsb.com or Judy Cardona Gamez, ext. 248, jgamez@tadsb.com or see our official website www.tadsb.com

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADVERTISEMENTS

Job Opportunities

Full Time Accounting and IT Manager at Sunnyside Adventist Care Centre in Saskatoon
Sunnyside Adventist Care Centre in Saskatoon, SK has a position open for a full time Accounting and IT Manager. This position oversees all aspects of Care Centre's accounting and IT needs and is a diverse multi-faceted role. Our ideal candidate has the following qualifications: accounting degree or designation, 5 years experience; highly organized; ability to multi task; outstanding interpersonal skills; above average with MS Office; a passion for change; work independently; achievement oriented; comfortable working with the elderly and bring a sense of fun to the workplace. If you would like to join us in fulfilling our mission of “Caring for our Community as Christ would” please send your resume to Randy Kurtz at admin@sunnysidecare.ca by Feb. 18, 2011.

Job Vacancy: Fundraiser
Employer: ADRA Canada
Full Time
Applications Close: 31 March 2011
The position is based in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

ADRA Canada is looking for a fundraising/marketing professional with well-developed written, oral and people skills willing to work in a fast-paced environment.

ADRA Canada (the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Canada) works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. ADRA Canada’s annual operating budget is approximately $5 million, sourced from a combination of individual donors and institutional funders including CIDA. In Canada and around the world, ADRA Canada plans and delivers its programs in concert with ADRA’s global network.

ADRA Canada has set an aggressive fundraising goal, requiring the expansion of our active donor base, increased engagement of supporters and volunteers in our fundraising activities, and a new emphasis on major gifts fundraising. In order to reach our five-year revenue target, our strategy identifies the need to generate and annually sustain a financial target that triples current revenues.

**Essential Criteria:**

1. Minimum of 5 years experience and a proven record of success in raising funds for non-profit organizations from the public.
2. Recognized post secondary education in fundraising or qualification in a relevant field.
3. A genuine sense of caring and desire to support work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action.
4. Demonstrated abilities in strategic planning and problem solving.
5. An understanding of budgets and financial reporting.
6. A commitment to uphold the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
7. Competency in written and verbal communication skills in English.
8. Proficient computer skills, fully literate in the MS Office suite and Raiser’s Edge (or similar Constituents Relationship Management System [CRM] database)
9. Well developed interpersonal skills and the ability to work autonomously or in groups to facilitate and mobilize support.
10. Strong organizational skills and the ability to meet deadlines.
11. Demonstrated ability and interest in working with and for a diverse constituency and a preparedness to promote ADRA Canada’s mission to the Seventh-day Adventist Church constituency and the general public.
12. The legal right to work in Canada.

**Desirable Criteria:**

1. Knowledge of national/international development.
2. Able to keep abreast of world events and ADRA’s response to these events.
3. CFRE (or similar) qualification.

**Job Summary:**

Reporting to the Donor Relations Director and in collaboration with staff, the fundraiser will
- enrich and implement the overall annual fund raising strategy,
- develop a framework for major individual and planned giving donors,
- engage in fund raising activities to meet financial goals.

The fundraiser will improve the revenue of ADRA Canada by expanding the donor base, and implementing formal fundraising efforts. This includes forming and affirming existing ties within the constituency to build on the existing funding base. The candidate will engage in a team approach.
Responsibilities:
• Implement and operate fundraising campaigns.
• Build capacity and mobilize staff and volunteers with ongoing fundraising projects.
• Enhance the capacity of staff and volunteers to fundraise through coaching and developing straightforward techniques for asking for support.
• Facilitate a team approach to fundraising throughout the agency.
• Review and evaluate all current fundraising initiatives.
• Maintain the donor database.
• Develop a planned giving strategy.
• Ensure constituency and donor relationships are developed, enhanced and nurtured.

Hours of Work: 38 hours a week. Some evening and weekend work, also occasional travel within Canada, may be required.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience and ADRA Canada’s wage scale.

How to Apply: Please forward application and résumé to:
Human Resources
ADRA Canada
1148 King St. E
Oshawa
ON L1H 1H8
Email: pr@adra.ca

We thank applicants for their interest in this position. Only those short-listed will be contacted.

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