Overwhelming Response to Ontario Conference School of Evangelism

February 24, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

There has been an overwhelming response to register for the Ontario Conference School of Evangelism (OSCE). Church members began registering as soon as the school was announced, but over the past few days there has been a last minute rush to beat the February 24 registration deadline.

“We have been very busy taking calls all week,” said Pastor Eustace Williams, Ontario Conference Personal Ministries director, “and that it is addition to those who registered online. The school of evangelism has certainly caught the attention of the membership. We are already oversubscribed with over 117 registrants for a 100-limit class, and we anticipate that some people will attempt to register after today but space is limited, so late registrants will have to wait until the next year’s class.”

On Sabbath, March 5, 2011, the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will officially launch the school of evangelism at 4:00 p.m. at Willowdale Adventist Church. The conference officers will join departmental directors, the school of evangelism professors and the first batch of students to launch the school. Classes will begin on Sunday, March 27, at Kingsview Village Church at 10:00 a.m.
The school of evangelism will initially offer two tracks, Level 1 General Evangelism and Level 1 Credential Lay Preachers courses. The Credential Lay Preachers course will include all the General Evangelism subjects. The two term level 1 course may be completed in approximately eighteen months. It is possible that shorter intensive courses and tracks may be added at a later date and offered in different regions of the conference.

The school of evangelism will be an on-going programme in the Ontario Conference.

**North American Division President to Preach at Harmony Church**

*February 24, 2011, North York, Ontario...OCN*

Pastor Daniel Jackson, North American Division president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. on Sabbath, March 5, 2011, at Harmony Seventh-day Adventist Church in North York.

Division presidents’ schedules are very busy, and it is rare that they are able to visit a small church in their home fields to preach. Pastor Frank Dell’Erba, minister at Harmony Church/Italian Company, says that he and the congregation are honoured that the division president would take the time to preach for them.

The church, wanting to share its joy, has invited other congregations to attend the mid-morning worship service.

Pastor Jackson’s visit to Harmony Church will be his first preaching engagement in Ontario since he was elected as division president in July last year.

Harmony Church gathers at 89 Centre Avenue, off Willowdale Ave, south of Steeles Ave, and west of Yonge St. (map at [www.harmonysdachurch.org](http://www.harmonysdachurch.org)).

**Adventists Respond to New Zealand Quake**

*February 22, 2011, Sydney, Australia, Pablo Lillo/Adventist Review staff*

In the wake of devastation and death spawned by a magnitude 6.3 earthquake that struck Christchurch, New Zealand's city centre, Seventh-day Adventists in the South Pacific are responding with material and spiritual support.

At least 65 people are known to have been killed, and another 100 are trapped in collapsed buildings, the New Zealand Herald reported. Unlike the 7.1-magnitude quake, which hit the same area last September, this temblor struck closer to downtown Christchurch, and in midday, when office workers and shoppers were abundantly present.

The denomination's Sanitarium Health Food Company in Papanui has been asked by Emergency Services in Christchurch, New Zealand, to provide a triage center for the injured. The Christchurch Hospital, the largest tertiary teaching and research hospital in the South Island, was evacuated due to safety concerns and is now only admitting people with serious injuries.

Pierre van Heerden, general manager for Sanitarium in New Zealand, said the site has been made available.

"We're blessed to have little damage to our buildings and to serve the wider community in times of devastation. The Christchurch factory in Papanui has a large garden and extra space for people to congregate and use as a triage center. We have a borehole on site that is functioning and that will give us an opportunity to provide fresh drinking water to the Christchurch community." Sanitarium also plans to provide Weet-Bix, milk and bottled water for those in need.

Craig Gillis, president of the church in South New Zealand said, "At this time it is difficult to get much information about what has happened due to communication channels being blocked and overloaded. Our office staff is all fine. Christchurch Adventist School students, teachers and staff are fine, as are the preschools."

At this stage there aren't any reports on church members.

The earthquake is reported to have lasted approximately a minute with extreme violence -- rocking buildings back and forth. There are reports of absolute devastation in the city center of Christchurch as buildings have collapsed.
There are reports of people trapped in rubble in the central business district and emergency services report there aren't enough ambulances to serve the injured and fatalities.

"We're shocked at what's happening in Christchurch," said Barry Oliver, president of church's South Pacific Division. "We want to assure the people of Christchurch and our Church community of our support. I invite everyone to pray for safety and a sense of peace."

Source: Adventist News Network

'Blue Zones' Icon Jetton Dies at 106
22 Feb 2011, Loma Linda, California, United States
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Marge Jetton, a retired nurse who garnered national attention for her longevity and healthy lifestyle, died February 15 at a board-and-care home in Loma Linda, California. She was 106.

In recent years, Jetton drew widespread attention after being featured in writer Dan Buettner's 2005 National Geographic article and subsequent book, which focused on "blue zones," areas of the world where people live longer and have a high sense of well-being. Loma Linda -- and, specifically, the already closely studied Adventist community there -- was one of the four zones.

The spotlight on Jetton led to several national television appearances, including the Oprah Winfrey Show in 2008, which featured her workout routine: pedalling several miles daily on a stationary bike and lifting five-pound weights.

Buettner described Jetton as "the poster girl" for the Adventist lifestyle, embodying its best practices, such as having a strong sense of community, volunteerism and keeping the Sabbath.

"She was an emblem," Buettner said. "You could tell her story, and it kind of reflected what people should be doing to reach her age. She represented the promise of good living."

Jetton also was one of several dozen centenarians participating in the Adventist Health Study, an ongoing research project at Loma Linda University that is funded by the National Institutes of Health and examines why Adventists tend to live an average of 10 years longer than other Americans.

Dr. Gary Fraser, who is co-leading the study, recalled that the years had done nothing to dull Jetton's sharp mind. "She was so quick-witted and funny," he said. "She was very impressive."

Ora Marge Hodge was born to a muleskinner and ranch cook in Yuba City, California. She attended Sutter Union High School, where she was a member of the debate team, according to a biography by granddaughter Shawn Casey-White. She graduated in 1921.

While a nursing student at St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital in California's Napa Valley, she met a bellhop who would later become her husband, James Aston Jetton. The couple married in 1926, after a three-year, chaperoned courtship. Jetton then worked as a nurse in Walla Walla, Washington, and later, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Santa Rosa, while her husband was in medical school.

They spent their nearly 77 years of marriage opening and running the first clinic in the small community of Fallbrook, California; offering their services to the Army during World War II; establishing Woodruff Community Hospital in the Long Beach area; and serving as medical relief missionaries in Zambia and Ethiopia.

Jetton's active lifestyle continued into retirement, Casey-White said: She worked at the Loma Linda University Medical Center library and volunteered for Voice of Prophecy, an Adventist radio broadcast.

Jetton was preceded in death by her husband in 2003. She is survived by two children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 27
“Truth for Today and Hope for Tomorrow” at Malton Church

Malton Seventh-day Adventist Church will be holding Sunday night meetings entitled “Truth for Today and Hope for Tomorrow”, starting February 27, 2011, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. and the last Sunday of each month thereafter. Please come out and support us and invite family members and friends.

March 4
OASIS Praise & Worship at Hamilton Mountain Church

**WHEN:** Friday, March 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.

March 26

A Night of Gospel Music

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a fundraising gospel concert in aid of our church building fund on Sabbath, March 26, starting at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $10.00 and are now on sale for purchase. The concert will be taking place in the church Fellowship Hall. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends!

For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write to tcentral@adventistontario.org.

April 15-17
Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat

*Couples!* Come to the annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat at the Holiday Inn Guelph April 15-17, 2011. Pastor Claudio Consuegra, newly elected Family Ministries Director of the North American Division, and his wife Pamela, Education Director of the Minnesota Conference will be sharing tips for today on building strong relationships with God at the center. **Register by March 22.** Visit www.adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022 Ext. 204.

April 15-17
Kingsway College’s Preview Weekend

Kingsway College, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding and day high school in Oshawa, Ontario, would like to invite students who are currently in grades 8 through 11 to attend a Preview Weekend on April 15 – 17, 2011. To register for the **FREE** weekend at Kingsway College, please call 905-433-1144 ext. 211 or 212 or e-mail us at admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca. **You must register no later than April 11, 2011.** *A parent or legal guardian must accompany each student for the duration of the weekend. Please call for more information.

April 30
Adventist Education/Children's Ministries Convention

Attention all Pastors, Bible Workers, Elders, Parents, Adventist Education Leaders and Children's Ministries Leaders!

Plan now to attend the important all-day convention at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario.
Sponsored by the Ontario Conference Office of Education and Children’s Ministries Department on Saturday, April 30. Come and learn how to intentionally disciple children at home and at church. A good program of discipleship means less discipline problems. The day will be filled with wonderful inter-active presentations and materials that will equip you to structure a program of discipleship in your church. We will end the day with a children's music fest. Parents, if you need to bring your children, there will be supervised activity centers for them (Ages 5 to 11). Parents will be responsible for children ages 0 to 4. Cost for persons 12 years old and above, $20 which includes materials and lunch. Children under 12, $10. Registration is now available online at https://www.adventistontario.org/conference/EventRegistration/tabid/1033/Default.aspx

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

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The 2011 Census: Join the Team!

Want to make a lasting contribution to Canada, its community and its people? Here’s your opportunity. Join the 2011 Census team!

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Staff are required for a variety of supervisory and non-supervisory positions between March and mid-August 2011. These non-office jobs require work in neighbourhoods and communities in all urban, rural and remote areas of the country. Screening of applications will start in mid-February.

The rates of pay range from $14.72 to 18.04 an hour, plus authorized expenses.

About 5,000 crew leaders and assistants and around 30,000 census enumerators will be hired. Crew leaders train, lead and supervise a team of enumerators. Enumerators distribute census questionnaires, conduct personal interviews and do follow-up interviews by phone.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, eligible to work in Canada, and able to commit at least 20 hours a week, including days, evenings, weekends and holidays as required. They will need a driver’s licence and access to a vehicle in some areas. Computer literacy and a home computer with an Internet connection are assets.

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