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NEWS

Ontario Conference Announces Eight-Week Revival Initiative

April 7, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

Ontario Conference president, Dr. Mansfield Edwards, today announced an eight-week revival initiative for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario.

In a letter that will be sent to all pastors and elders in the province, Edwards calls for all members to commit to an eight-week journey of spiritual renewal.

Quoting Pastor Dave Schwinghammer in the spring issue of Ontario Highlights, he said, “Imagine if God’s church in Ontario would resolve to gather to pray, praise and prepare for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit”.

He outlined a plan that calls for each church to use Mark Finley’s book, ‘Revive Us Again’ for eight nights sometime between May 4 and June 22 as part of a prayer meeting or similar service.

Edwards explained that the revival series will be an integral part of the build-up for the July 9 camp meeting at the International Centre.
On June 22, preparation is to be made for what is called the “All In” commitment. “All In” simply refers to what he calls “our united commitment to be ‘all-involved’ in revival, reformation and evangelism”.

“At camp meeting”, said Edwards, “the climax of the revival series, the church will celebrate its commitment to God by:

a. Acknowledgment of our gifts from God  
b. Commitment to use our gifts for God’s Kingdom  
c. Presenting our gifts and giving a kingdom sacrifice offering of $1,000,000.00 as a goal towards a major project to be announced.”

The collection of the kingdom sacrificial offering will begin at camp meeting and continue throughout July in local churches or by online giving.

All pastors are already in possession of Finley’s book, and it is anticipated that churches will soon order copies for all their members from the ABC.

**In Ivory Coast, Division Officers' Families Moved to Ghana during National Unrest**

April 1, 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States  
*Ansel Oliver/ANN*

Some 40 family members of church officers at the Seventh-day Adventist Church's West-Central Africa Division, based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, were temporarily relocated to the neighbouring country of Ghana this month, a precautionary move during political unrest, church officials said.

Several cities in Ivory Coast are experiencing unrest following a contested election. Incumbent President Laurent Gbagbo has not relinquished power four months after losing to Alassane Ouattara. The United Nations has since recognized Ouattara's presidency.

Adventist Church leaders said some church members have relocated away from the Abobo neighbourhood, a suburb of Abidjan and one of the areas of heaviest fighting.

About 470 people have died in the post-election violence in Ivory Coast and up to 1 million people have fled Abidjan, The Associated Press reported.

Church division officers and leaders are now in the United States for the denomination's Spring Meeting of the world church Executive Committee and departmental advisories.

Church officers' family members were moved over the past two weeks to a women's centre at church-owned Valley View University in Accra. Fighting has again flared in recent weeks, which prompted the move, said division President Gilbert Wari.

"While we were away we did not want to leave our families at risk," Wari said.

Wari said he believes the situation will be resolved soon, citing the Wednesday resignation of the officer of Gbagbo's army. Forces backing Ouattara are moving toward Abidjan after having taken the political capital Yamoussoukro, about 140 miles away, AP reported.

"Hopefully in a few days this will be sorted out," Wari said. "We are praying for God to intervene."

Church officers have monitored the tense situation since November's national election. Two missionary families and several local families at the division were relocated for 17 days in January. Wari said division officers met on March 8 to discuss future operations, deciding against temporarily relocating the headquarters.

"The French high school and [U.S.] Embassy have reopened -- those are indicators that the situation is not terribly out of control," Wari said.

Banks have temporarily closed and the division has cut expenses to a minimum, Wari said. About 10 employees remain at the division headquarters, which is located about 330 yards from the presidential palace, he said.
There are nearly 12,000 Adventists in Ivory Coast.

The West-Central African Division is one of the denomination's 13 world divisions and serves 22.

Source: Adventist News Network.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks LLU Medical Center No. 1

Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) tops 40 other hospitals in new metro-area rankings released by U.S. News & World Report on March 29. LLUMC’s rankings note high performance in seven specialties — cancer; diabetes and endocrinology; ear, nose, and throat; gynecology; kidney disorders; pulmonary care; and urology — nearly half of the 16 specialty categories considered. Read the full story in the NAD website news. For the full list of metro area rankings, visit www.usnews.com/hospitals.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 15-16
Seeking the Lost: Personal Ministries Weekend Rally, April 15th - April 16th at Kendalwood Church with guest speaker, Pastor Liverpool from Michigan. Featuring other guest seminar presenters like Pastor Fred Nichols on “The Power of Your Testimony”. Inspirational singing with Ladine Dowe and the Kendalwood Youth Choir. The rally starts on Friday at 7 pm and finishes on Sabbath with an all day seminar. There will be a potluck lunch on Sabbath and light refreshments in the evening. Kendalwood Church is located at 300 Kendalwood Rd. in Whitby.

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 16 to May 21
What’s Next – Revelation Seminar at Latter Rain Church

Under the guidance of the dynamic Dr. Kenneth Campbell, have the Word of God clarified and proclaimed. Come to these exciting Revelation Seminar meetings and find answers that will reveal ultimate truths about what’s going to happen to us, our world and beyond. Admission is free and free study material is provided.

Meetings are held nightly at 7 pm except Mondays and Thursdays, from April 16 to May 21. Come to the auditorium at Latter Rain Church, 7 Elinor Ave. Scarborough, ON. For more information call the church office at (416) 285-9734 or visit www.latterrainsda.net.

Come and be blessed as you support this evangelist effort.

April 30
Adventist Education/Children's Ministries Convention

ATTENTION parents, pastors, Adventist education leaders, children’s ministries’ leaders, Bible instructors and all other interested persons! Have you registered for the education/children’s ministries convention for Sabbath, April 30, at Canada Christian College? HURRY! Space is limited and the deadline is soon! You don’t want to miss this opportunity to learn how to help children grow into spiritual giants. Register today at https://www.adventistontario.org/conference/EventRegistration/tabid/1033/Default.aspx

May 6-8
Mother & Daughter Retreat

Enhance your mother/daughter relationship May 6-8, 2011 at Camp Frenda. Nadia Prendergast, a Public Health nurse, and her daughters Leanne and Laurece, authors and founders of Love Your Lives ministries, have a passion for helping
young girls grow with God into adulthood. They seek to help parents find peace and collaboration with their teens while also building strong spiritual foundations. Don’t miss this time of learning, creativity and fun! Visit www.adventistontario.org for details (click on Events) **Registration Deadline:** April 27, 2011 5:30 p.m.

**$95 per person.** With your package, enjoy the entire program, cozy accommodations, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

**Large Family Discount:** First child $95. Each Additional Child $85. Please contact the office directly to register large families.

Hosted by the Young Women's Committee and sponsored by Women's Ministries Department. Email questions to kbailey@adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204, Toronto Line 905-668-5757.

May 7
**Sabbath School Convention “Taking Sabbath School Teaching to Another Level”**

Open to all Sabbath School teachers and leaders.
When: May 7, 2011
Where: Trinity Pentecostal Church, Oshawa, L1H 1H2
Time: 9am to 5pm
**Free** registration: Email or fax Verna Storaune at 905-571-1022 ext 109, vstoraune@adventistontario.org
Also see conference website under Sabbath School ministry.

**Only a light lunch will be served**

May 8
**Mount Olive Church**

Mount Olive’s Community Services Department will be hosting a Mother’s Day fundraising brunch on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. to benefit our church’s emergency food bank and soup kitchen. The church is located at 1030 Albion Rd. Albion/ Islington.
Tickets: children 5-12 years $12, youth and adults $20. For further information, please call Elder Lennon 416-417-4238.

May 14
**Ontario Prison Ministries Convention**

Ontario Prison Ministry Convention at It Is Written Church will be held May 14, 2011.

May 20-22
**Christian Single Adults Retreat**


Keynote speaker Pastor Adolph Sinclair of the Bridgeport Tabernacle in the North-eastern Adventist Conference will inspire you to find courage in God and bring might to His calling in your life.


**Please remember to share this event with your bulletin secretary and computer technicians**

May 27-29
**TJA/CAA Homecoming Alumni Weekend**

Join us on May 27-29, 2011 for the 57th Toronto Junior Academy/Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend. Honoured classes: TJA Gr. 10 Classes of ’76 & ’71; CAA Gr. 12 Classes of ’01, ’96, ’91, ’86 and Gr. 11 Class of ’81. We look forward to welcoming all alumni, friends, parents, supporters and former/current faculty and staff.
Friday, May 27 - 3rd Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, 9:00 a.m. at Station Creek Golf Course. To register, contact Patrick Henry (905) 947-4295 or Ian Meikle (416) 562-7193.

Sabbath, May 28 - Alumni Sabbath, 10:00 a.m. at CAA - guest speaker: Dr. Carlton Byrd, Sr. Pastor, Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, Atlanta, GA and speaker/director, Breath of Life Telecast.

Sunday, May 29 – 6th Annual Walk’n Roll 4 Education, 9:00 a.m. / Alumni Basketball Game 3:00 p.m. at CAA. For event, volunteer and table rental information, please contact Beverly Edwards Miller, chair at (416) 203-0451 or Angella Favours, co-chair at (416) 723-0205.

For information/registration, 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 visit our official website www.tadsb.com.

June 4

The Use of Technology in Evangelism

WHEN: Saturday, June 4th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Ajax Seventh-day Adventist Community Church, 55 Emperor Road, Ajax, Ontario, L1T 3R1
WHAT: The Use of Technology in Evangelism - sponsored by the Communications Department.

How are you communicating the world's most important message? The use of internet technology can be lots of fun. Take advantage of this exciting session that will guide you through the basics, while providing up-to-date information on the latest online tools and techniques.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADVERTISEMENTS

Job Opportunities

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!

Statistics Canada is hiring nearly 35,000 field staff across Canada to work on the collection phase of the 2011 Census. Canada’s next census will be held in May 2011.

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.

For more information and to apply online, go to www.census2011.gc.ca

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