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NEWS

Former Ontario Conference Secretary to Join the Canadian Council of Christian Charities Legal Team

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The Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) recently announced that Barry W. Bussey will be joining its staff as vice president, Legal Affairs, beginning July 2011.

Barry Bussey is well known in Ontario, having served in the Ontario Conference as a pastor and later as conference secretary, before moving to become the Religious Liberty director and Legal Counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Most recently, he has served in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as the church’s liaison at the United Nations in New York and Geneva.

According to the CCCC, Bussey will be leading their legal staff as “they research and recommend positions on legal and technical matters in order to provide information and resources for CCCC members”.

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It was further mentioned that, “he will also be working to increase the Canadian public’s awareness and understanding of Christianity and of the environment in which Christian charities operate by conducting research and other activities to influence a more positive Canadian legal environment”.

**In Florida, Woman Charged with Swindling Fellow Church and Community**

_May 9, 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States...Adventist News Network._

**ANN staff**

A South Florida woman was arrested and jailed last month on charges of swindling her fellow Seventh-day Adventist Church and community members out of millions of dollars.

Miami-Dade County prosecutors said Marguerite Martial Jean, 38, convinced 300 Haitian Americans in Miami's Little Haiti neighbourhood to invest at least $3.4 million in a spurious import business from 2007 to 2010, CBS News affiliate WFOR-TV in Miami reported.

Jean told potential investors she owned a lucrative wholesale rice business, said Michael Lamartine Porcena, pastor of Eden Adventist Church in Little Haiti. Porcena, who himself invested "all I had" in her scheme, said Jean used his name to lend credibility to her business.

"She would say, 'Well, Pastor Porcena is invested in my business.' Church members thought it must be a good business if I was invested," Porcena said.

Jean, who previously attended Eden Adventist Church, most recently transferred membership to nearby Shekinah French Adventist Company, an outgrowth of Eden, Porcena said.

"I could never think that someone like her, who taught Sabbath School and was a member of the church board, would do something like that," he said.

Jean promised her investors up to 22 percent in interest on their investments, Porcena said. Claiming she earned $600 in interest on every $1,800 pallet of rice from India, Jean said she would keep $200 and hand over the remaining $400 to the investor. Instead, Jean lived off investors' money, he said.

Though rare, the incident is not the first case of affinity fraud to strike the Adventist Church. In 2008, a London court found three Adventists guilty of leading a similar fraudulent investment business.

**New Book Reveals Massive Exodus of Teens from the Church Offers Solutions**

_May 10, 2011, Chicago, Illinois_

In the church of the future, the only members will be elder women and children. That is the startling claim made by bestselling author Jawanza Kunjufu in his new book, _The Role of Teens in Your Church_.

According to Kunjufu, **40 percent** of eighth grade students leave the church just as they are becoming teenagers. In addition, **70 percent** of female teens and **90 percent** of male teens leave the church upon their high school graduation.

Kunjufu argues that with teens leaving in such high numbers, the church is not on a sustainable path of growth. "If children and teens really are our future, then how will the church survive such a massive exodus of youth?" he asks.

**Why Teens Are Leaving**

"Age segregation in the church is the last bastion of elder power," says Kunjufu. Senior church leaders say that youth are the future, but youth ministry is usually the least funded in the church. Teens do not feel respected, valued, or welcomed by the church at large.
What the Church Can Do
Youth ministry is used as an agent of age segregation, but teens and the church would be better served if youth ministry was transformed into an agent of *transition*, helping to prepare and train youth from 12 years of age—the age Jesus began teaching in the temple—to worship and serve in the adult congregation.

Kunjufu's Bible-based, research-based Teen Empowerment Model was developed from observations of churches across the country, interviews, research, 20 years in youth ministry, 35 years as an education consultant and youth advocate, and prayer. The model repurposes youth ministry as a transitory body that prepares teens for the adult congregation. The model addresses issues such as the spiritual development of youth, parent involvement, the senior pastor's role in youth ministry, and age segregation in adult congregations.

Churches must create a nurturing, Godly climate in which teens can mature to their full potential. To stem the tide of teens leaving the church, *The Role of Teens in Your Church* persuasively argues that teens and adults should worship and serve together.

For additional information, contact 1-800-552-1991, Fax# (708) 672-0466. P.O. Box 1799, Chicago Heights, IL 60412. Website: [http://www.africanamericanimages.com](http://www.africanamericanimages.com), Email: customersvc@africanamericanimages.com.


**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 11- 15**
**Creation vs. Evolution**

The College Park Church will be re-broadcasting *In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate* series, from Wednesday, May 11, to Sunday, May 15. Guided by the expertise of research scientist Dr. Timothy G. Standish and theologian Dr. Ron E. Clouzet, this series will explore such issues as genetics, the age of the earth, the flood and fossils. The presentations will take place at 7:30 p.m. each night. The schedule is as follows: May 11 - The Way We Were: God and the Big Bang * May 12 - Life of Creatures: Wonder and Trouble in Paradise: May 13 - Genes and Genies: What We Know and What We Don’t * May 14 - The Flood and the Fossils: Record of a Lost World * May 15 - Father God or Mother Earth: The Problem of Evil and a Loving God. The College Park Church is located at 1164 King St. East, Oshawa. For more information, contact [office@collegeparkchurch.ca](mailto:office@collegeparkchurch.ca)

**May 12**
**“Is There a Doctor In the House?” at Kingsway College**

This year Kingsway College Drama Club is excited to present the full length play “Is There a Doctor in The House?” It is a zany, medical comedy set in the Old West, by Tim Kelly. The performance is 90 minutes and has a cast of 23 characters. Location: Kingsway College Old Gym. Show Times: Thu., May 12, at 7:00 p.m.; Sat., May 14, at 9:00 p.m., and Sun, May 15, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $10 each. Contact Ada Babida for tickets at (905) 433-1144 ext. 216 or [babidaa@kingswaycollege.on.ca](mailto:babidaa@kingswaycollege.on.ca). All seats reserved. Thank you in advance for your contribution toward making this event a success. We look forward to seeing many people from your church in support of our Christian youth. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Margaret Russnell at (905) 433-1144 ext. 252 or [russnellm@kingswaycollege.on.ca](mailto:russnellm@kingswaycollege.on.ca)

**May 7 – May 21**
**Hope for Today’s World**

The Toronto North Seventh-day Adventist Church invites the entire GTA Adventist family and friends to the "Hope for Today's World" youth community outreach series. Come and listen to God's world presented in a fresh, "youth-centric" manner. Hope for Today's World begins on May 7 Until May 21, at 7:15 p.m. nightly on Saturdays, Sundays, Weds, and Fridays. Come and be blessed with music from the Cuffy sisters, and Jennifer Alvarado. The venue is the Macklin Public School, located at 136 Ingleton Blvd (McNicholl and McCowan). All mothers are especially welcome to an Agape feast at 6:00 p.m. on May 8th preceding the nightly service.
May 7 – 28
Youth Evangelistic Series – Theme: “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting their 1st Youth Evangelistic Series in support of “The Year of Youth Evangelism” from May 7 – 28. There will be feature presentations, dynamic singing and preaching from our youth. Meetings will take place nightly except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 7:15 p.m. Join us for our launch this week Sabbath, May 7. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). We look forward to welcoming you, your youth, family and friends!

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

May 14
Ontario Prison Ministries Convention

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

May 15
Apple Creek’s Sunset Bowling League Presents

What: Inter-Church Invitational Bowling Tournament
When: May 15, 2011
Time: Starting at 9:00 a.m.
Categories: Singles, doubles, 3-person teams (including 1 female per team)
Cost: $25.00 per person
Where: Kennedy Bowl, 2300 Lawrence Avenue, East, Scarborough.
For more information, contact: vlangdon@adventistontario.org ASAP.

May 20
“A Ray of Hope” at Berea Church

Looking for God’s truth in this world of unrest, turmoil and unfairness? Look no further! Coming “live” to Toronto, Friday, May 20th, 2011 Amazing Facts television ministry presents nightly “A Ray of Hope”, Bible seminar by Evangelist Tim Jones, a dynamic speaker of over 25 years experience sharing Bible truths with thousands of people on four continents.
Location: Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church, 353 Sherburne Street. S/E corner at Carlton Street, Toronto, ON M5A 2S3.
Free admission for everyone.
Right now we offer free Bible study guides. Call Berea Church at 416-924-8741 and leave your name and telephone number (via voicemail).

May 20-22
Perth Avenue Church Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary

Perth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on the weekend of May 20-22. Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. will be a thanksgiving service. Pastor Fred Nichols will be the main speaker.
Sabbath, May 21, at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Steve Cassimy will be the main speaker for the divine service. The afternoon program at 5:00 p.m. will be a concert with many former talents and a consecration service. Pastor Joel Nembhard will be the speaker for the consecration service.

Sunday May 22 at 4:00 p.m. will be the 40th anniversary banquet at our new location: 220 Bethridge Road, Etobicoke. The tickets are $50 adult & $25 children 12 and under. For tickets, please contact Pearline Kirwan at 416 663 0703.

May 27-29
TJA/CAA Homecoming 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, senior pastor of Atlanta Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, Atlanta, GA and speaker/director, Breath of Life Telecast. Alumni luncheon for honoured classes will follow immediately. To register, please call Derrick Hall or Judy Cardona Gamez.
- **Sabbath, May 28 - Alumni & Friends Reunion Concert**, 5:30 pm at Apple Creek Church, 700 Apple Creek Blvd. Markham featuring Dr. Carlton Byrd.
- **Sunday, May 29 – 6th Annual Walk'n Roll 4 Education**, 9:00 a.m. / **Alumni Basketball Game** 3:00 p.m. at CAA.
- 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

May 28

**Kingsway College’s Aerials Gymnastic Team at Richmond Hill Church**

Aerials Gymnastic Team will be performing at Richmond Hill on May 28th 9:30 p.m. at the Bayview Secondary School, 10077 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill. For additional information and directions, please visit the church website [www.rhsda.ca](http://www.rhsda.ca) or contact the church at 905-884-5989.

May 29

**Live Healthy Fair**

Join us for the exciting **Live Healthy Fair**, a new feature at the Toronto Adventist District School Board's 6th Annual Walk'n Roll 4 Education walkathon event. On **Sunday afternoon, May 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, you'll hear a half hour talk on healthy living, experience a delicious half hour cooking demonstration, and get to watch the incredibly powerful and informative 60-minute film documentary titled "Fresh". "Fresh" celebrates the farmers, thinkers, and business people across North America who are re-inventing our food system. Forging healthier, sustainable initiatives, they offer a practical vision of our food and our planet's future. Fresh will leave you thinking seriously about the food you eat and where it's coming from. A health talk, cooking demo, fantastic film, take-home materials, AND great prizes -- all for only $10 per person. Plan to arrive at around noon though so you can browse through the Walkathon Bazaar, purchase a veggie-burger, and listen to great entertainment before the Live Healthy Fair begins at 1:00 p.m. Come and be blessed!

**Location:** Crawford Adventist Academy -- Cafeteria, 531 Finch Avenue West, Toronto (just west of the Finch & Bathurst intersection, beside Branson Hospital)
**Date & Time:** Sunday, May 29, 2011, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Or, come earlier, as noted above).
**Entrance Fee:** $10 per person
**RSVP:** You must call Bev Miller at (416) 203-0451 to reserve your seat.

June 3, 4, 5

**Getting to Know HIM - Biblically Oriented Christian Retreat**

To Everyone, come and join us in this beautiful adventure in marvellous and relaxing nature setting to meet with the most wonderful teacher that ever existed, JESUS CHRIST.

**Weekend cost:** $50.00/person, meals included.
Children 12 years and under no charge
**Date:** **June 3,4,5 2011**
Nestled among the white birch on pristine Chapman lake, 55 kilometres from Schumacher (Timmins) Ontario, Camp Bickell.

**Guest speaker:** Pastor David Schwinghammer
Cabins and Camping available with showers facilities and much more.

*Sponsored by Haileybury and Timmins Seventh day Adventist Churches*
For registration and information, please call Leona Selman 705-642-3838; or email selman@ntl.sympatico.ca. Website to view camp www.campbickell.com

June 4
Corporate Day of Prayer and Fasting

Theme: “Youth – The Repairer of Broken Walls the Restorer of Dwellings”
The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a Corporate Day of Prayer and Fasting in support of the “Year of Youth Evangelism”. There will be an Agape Feast to end the program. We are hoping that all Prayer Ministry Coordinators and their teams will be able to join us as we lift our youth in prayer – more prayer, more Power! Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

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.

July 2
Perth Avenue Church Is Relocating

The Perth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church will be relocating to their new location on July 2, 2011 at 220 Bethridge Road, Etobicoke, ON, M9W 6S3. The keynote speaker for the banquet is Dr. Orville Browne. Please join us for this new start.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADVERTISEMENTS

Kingsway College Applications for 2011/2012 School Year

Kingsway College is now taking new student applications for the 2011/2012 school year. Please contact the Enrolment office and talk to Chris Guarin-Adap or Remy Guenin at 905-433-1144, ext. 211 or 212. You can get more information by going to our website www.kingswaycollege.on.ca or you can reach us by e-mail at admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca. Kingsway College strives to provide students with the highest quality Seventh-day Adventist Christian education available. Parents, won’t you prayerfully consider Kingsway College as the next step in your child’s education.

Portuguese Bible Study – Sunday, 7:30 p.m. at College Park Church’s Spanish Room

We started a new meeting for those who are interested and want to learn and hear more about the Bible in Portuguese Language. Last meeting, we had eight people who enjoyed the Bible study so much.

If you wish to participate or know someone who would, please come and join us.
We meet on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at College Park Church in Oshawa, in the Spanish room. College Park Church is located at 1164 King St. East, Oshawa.

For more information, please contact Fabiane Campos at 289-600-9632.

Monte Carmelo Spanish Adventist Company is looking for the following members:
If you have any information, please contact Janie Cruz, church clerk: montecarmelospclerk@adventistontario.org; phone: 905-383-7565.

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