NEWS

Seventh-day Adventist Becomes Jamaica’s Ninth Prime Minister

October 27, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

Andrew Holness, a Seventh-day Adventist, was affirmed as Jamaica’s ninth Prime Minister during a ceremony at King’s House on Sunday afternoon, October 23, in Kingston, Jamaica. He did not swear on the Bible as is the custom because of his faith but was allowed under the constitution to declare and affirm his allegiance to Jamaica. Holness, 39, a former education minister, takes over from Bruce Golding who stepped down from the prime minister’s office earlier in the afternoon. He is the youngest person to ever hold the office of prime minister.

Upon Holness’ elevation to the high office, both the Prime Minister’s and Governor General’s office are now held by Seventh-day Adventists. Sir Patrick Allen, the Governor General, is the former president of the West Indies Union of Seventh-day Adventists.
During his swearing-in speech Holness highlighted education, fiscal responsibility, employment, and the fight against crime as being among his priorities.

*Halsey Peat*

**The Society of Adventist Communicators Names Ontario Highlights among Award Winners at Annual Convention**

*October 22, 2011, Lombard, Illinois, USA…OCN*

The Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) named *Ontario Highlights*, in its awards ceremony during the closing banquet of its annual convention, October 20-22, in Lombard Illinois.

*Ontario Highlights*, the official magazine of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, received an Honourable Mention in the Corporate Communication category: Constituency Report (Print) class for its 2009 Constituency Report edition. The Best in Class was awarded to Atlantic Union College’s Quienquennial Constituency Meeting book.

Halsey Peat, *Ontario Highlights* editor was unaware that the Conference’s magazine had even been considered, much less to be placed second. “This came as a real surprise to me,” he said, “but I’m really pleased that the Ontario Conference is becoming more visible in North America. We have a great conference, and we want everyone to know this through the pages of *Highlights*.”

Ontario Conference president, Dr. Mansfield Edward, who heard of the award while away at the North American Division’s Year End Meetings, said that he was proud of his communication director’s “hard work and his faithful service of consistent quality”. SAC executive director and North American Division Communication Director, George Johnson, Jr., says, “Professional growth and development are greatly enhanced with this awards presentation. It is exciting to see the pride and recognition given to these hard working communication professionals”.

Membership in The Society of Adventist Communicators is open to all communicators who are Adventists. Visit their website at [www.adventistcommunicator.org](http://www.adventistcommunicator.org)

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Location for “Return to Eden Fellowship”**

Please notice that the Return to Eden Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship is now worshipping at West Hill United Church, 62 Orchard Park Dr. (Morningside & Kingston Rd.). Sabbath School is at 10:00 a.m. and worship service at 11:00 a.m.

There’s fellowship lunch after the worship service.

Join us and invite others.

**October 14-Nov. 5**

**October 14 – November 5: Empowered for Life Series**

Four speakers will embark upon this evangelistic thrust, and we invite you to share in this one-of-a-kind experience. Meetings will be held on the weekends of October 14 to November 5; Fridays at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays throughout the day and at 7:00 p.m. in the evenings. The speakers will be: Pastors Patrick Jacques, Matthew Feeley, Ron Sydney & Benton Lowe.

Come along, bring a friend and enjoy the blessings of this period with us. For more information, call 613-728-3558 or visit [http://www.ottawasda.org](http://www.ottawasda.org).

**October 21-November 13**

**“Homes of Hope” at Bracebridge Church**
Bracebridge will be holding the *Homes of Hope* series from Oct. 21 to Nov. 13, during the weekends at 7:00 p.m. The messages will be presented largely by the laity.

**October 29**  
**Apple Creek’s Health Ministry Day**

*When:* Sabbath, October 29, 2011  
*Where:* 700 Apple Creek Blvd., Markham, ON  
*Speaker:* Dr. George Sanz (former director of the Health Department of the West African Division of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church)  
*Topic:* "It's a Matter of Choice"  
Dr. Sanz will also speak in the afternoon on the topic "Lifestyle Counts".

**October 30**  
**School Board Treasurers’ Training Webinar**

Attention all Adventist Education School Board Treasurers:  
A webinar for school board treasurers will be hosted by the Ontario Conference Office of Education on **Sunday, October 30, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Contact Janice Maitland at jmaityland@adventistontario.org or Donna Brkic at dbrkic@adventistontario.org to register. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a Q&A session for about 10 minutes. Please be sure to have external earphones to guarantee you can hear the presentation. Church treasurers, school board chairpersons and pastors are also invited to attend this webinar.

**October 30**  
**Celebrate Jim Ryan's Retirement from Kingsway College**

Come join in celebrating Jim Ryan's 29 years of service at Kingsway College on Sunday, October 30, 1-4 p.m. at the KC cafeteria. Drop-in and have a chance to chat with Mr. Ryan himself, sign a keepsake book, and enjoy light refreshments.

Let us take this time to look back and cherish the many ways Dean Ryan has served as a father to so many. We hope many of you will be there to make his send off into retirement truly memorable.

**November 4-6**  
**Exciting Weekend for Teens & Young Adults at Camp Frenda**

Kanisa Fellowship’s Youth Department with the sponsorship of the Ontario Conference Youth Ministry Department is planning an exciting weekend for teens and young adults (13 – 35) at Camp Frenda, Nov. 4-6, 2011. The cost of registration is $100.00. Registrants can bring their child if 3 years or younger (limited space for children, additional fees apply). Transportation Costs: $10 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL (if registered and paid by Oct 16, 2011), $20 REGULAR PRICE (after Oct 17, 2011).

Each person will need to bring: bedding (sleeping bag), warm clothing, toiletries (i.e. soap, towel, toothbrush), flashlight, and a BIBLE. All meals will be provided by the Camp Frenda staff and all meals are fully VEGETARIAN.

For registration and retreat information, please contact:  
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**November 5**  
**Second Annual Spelling Bee at Crawford Adventist Academy**

*On Saturday, November 5,* the Ontario Conference Office of Education is sponsoring its second annual **Spelling Bee at Crawford Adventist Academy at 7:00 p.m.** Grades 1 to 6 students from five schools will be competing for awards. Come and support the students of College Park Elementary School, Crawford Adventist Academy, Crawford
Adventist Academy East, Grandview Adventist Academy and Peel Adventist School. Crawford Adventist Academy is located at 531 Finch Avenue West in Toronto.

Your help with the promotion of these events would be greatly appreciated to ensure their success.

**November 12**

**Annual Church Banquet**

You are cordially invited to an evening of fine dining, entertainment and socializing on Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. This is a GALA AFFAIR at the venue of the Centurion Banquet Hall (170 Colonnade Road, Nepean). Tickets are available now. Ticket prices are as follows: adults $45; seniors $40; students $35; children $30. Discount provided for families of four or more.

Please contact Lloyd Harris (613.425.0786) or Auldith Anderson (613-823-0090) to get yours. See you there!!!

**November 12**

**Scarborough Filipino Celebrates Its Emerald Anniversary**

**Scarborough Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church** will celebrate its Emerald Anniversary, simultaneously a church dedication service on November 12, 2011. All three officers of the Ontario Conference will take part in the event. Dr. Mansfield Edwards, the conference president, will be the speaker at the worship service. The afternoon program will be a musical concert and re-commitment of the members in a candle lighting ceremony. It would be a homecoming event. Invitations were sent to all living charter members and former members to come and join the Scarborough Filipino Church celebrate its 20th year of ministry.

**November 20**

**Kingsway College 2011 Fun(d) Dinner**

You are cordially invited to the Kingsway College 2011 Fun(d) Dinner, a fundraising dinner and silent auction to benefit the Kingsway College Worthy Student Fund. Theme: "Kingsway's Got Talent" with special welcome by Colin Carrie, Oshawa's Member of Parliament. November 20, 2011, 5:00 p.m. King Fitness Complex, 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa, ON, L1K 2H4. To reserve your free tickets, call 905-433-1144 ext. 211 or e-mail funddinner@kingswaycollege.on.ca. Seating is limited. View the silent auction items online at kingswaycollege.on.ca starting November 1.

**OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**Leamington Church** is requesting any information re. the following individuals. If you know their whereabouts or have information on how they can be contacted, please contact Dirk Zinner, pastor, at 519-322-1644 or email: dzinner@adventistontario.org.
Sheila Adams - Sheryl and Marley Holland - Brian and Scott Johnson - Heather Mason

**Position for Assistant Director of Care**

Full-time position at Rest Haven Lodge in Sidney, BC on Vancouver Island. Commences January 3, 2012. Of interest to RN (BSN preferred) with interest in geriatric nursing. Contact Heather Switak, director of care at 250-656-0717; ext. 424 for information or email rhldoc@shawcable.com to apply.

**Prayer Help at Kendalwood**

Prayer help is at your fingertips, and now its toll free. Introducing Kendalwood prayer line's toll free number, 1-888-554-3005. You can also call us at our local number at 905-434-8470. Call and someone from the prayer team will be there to pray with you. You can also send in your requests by email at prayer@kendalwood.com. All requests will be answered.