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NEWS

REACH: New Direction for Ontario Adventists Says Conference President

November 2, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

"REACH must be the new direction for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario," urged Dr Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president. He was addressing the directors of the conference at the start of their weekly strategic planning session at the church headquarters in Oshawa.

"For too long, both at the conference and local church levels we have simply busied ourselves with well-intentioned programmes without making any significant and long-lasting impact on our communities," he said. "We have not planned for long-term outcomes. We have approached our mission with a 'hit or miss' attitude, and unfortunately, we have often missed.
**REACH** offers us an amazing opportunity to bring about a radical change in the life of our church membership and on our communities.

**REACH** is the acronym for the North American Division’s new evangelism strategy. It highlights five areas: Revival and Transformation, Education for Discipleship, Alignment within the Church, Community Outreach and Evangelism and Healthy Leadership and Management.

Each conference and local church is challenged and encouraged to embrace **REACH** and establish big and audacious goals. It is anticipated that these goals will direct the work of both the conference and local church.

Edwards notes that the process requires a lot of hard work that some may find daunting, but he is quick to give assurance that the result will more than justify the effort.

Presently, directors are working to establish clear and measurable goals for themselves, the mission of the conference and how it relates to employees, churches and institutions. As these are completed, they will be shared with pastors, teachers, all employees, and local church leaders.

“We hope to begin sharing this with local church leaders very early in the New Year,” says Edwards. “Shortly after, we anticipate that each church will begin the work of establishing very clear and measurable goals in **REACH**.”

The goals under development at the conference office are expected to be reached by 2016. There will be periodic evaluations to determine if the objectives are being reached.

“Prayer and seeking God’s guidance in regards to **REACH** is the foundation of all our work,” says Edwards, “and we are confident that as we embrace this way of thinking and operating, we will see the hand of God performing a mighty work in our lives and across this great province.”

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**Ontario Conference Ordains Goran Zivkovic**

**October 28, 2011, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN**

Hands were laid on Pastor Goran Zivkovic as he was ordained to the gospel ministry during a specially held ordination service at Toronto Yugoslavian Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, October 22, 2011. The ordination was performed by Ontario Conference officers, Pastor Mansfield Edwards, president, and Pastor Daniel Linrud, executive secretary.

The two Conference officers and their respective wives were warmly welcomed by a capacity congregation of members, former members, friends and a number of pastors.

Pastor Goran Zivkovic arrived in Ontario in the summer of this year and was introduced to Toronto Yugoslavian Church as its new pastor on July 18. His ordination to the gospel ministry was supposed to have taken place this year had he remained in Serbia, but his move to Ontario occurred before the appointed time. The Ontario Conference board of directors, voted to ordain him shortly after his arrival.

The ordination service, held in the intimate atmosphere of a church building rather than at a huge event such as camp meeting, was especially meaningful as the entire congregation was able to rejoice with its new pastor, his wife, Branka, and their young daughter, Sarah. An orchestra comprised of over 30 young people presented two musical pieces. Shortly after, the majority of the orchestra put down their instruments and were joined by a few other members to form a choir that rendered the majestic choral piece, “Gloria”. The choir was conducted by Ljiljana Markovic.

Taking his text from 1 Peter 5:1-10, Edwards gave a brief homily describing the work to which pastors are called.

“The pastor is on an assignment from God,” he said, “and his job is to keep you faithful!”

Pastor Edwards also gave the ordination charge. Pastor Linrud introduced the ordinand, read his
biographical sketch and offered the ordination prayer.

Floral bouquets were presented to both Branka and Sarah.

Halsey Peat

North American Adventists Reaffirm Commissioned Ministers as Conference, Mission Presidents

Following Annual Council actions, division also votes to join theology of ordination study

November 1, 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States...Adventist News Network

In a carefully balanced pair of actions, Seventh-day Adventist leaders in North America voted October 31 to fully participate in the world church's recently launched study of the theology of ordination while also reaffirming the division's unique policy of allowing ordained or commissioned ministers to serve as presidents of local conferences and missions.

The latter action, voted by nearly a 3 to 1 margin, broadens the opportunities for non-ordained leaders to be elected to the top position in any of the 58 conferences that make up the 1.1-million member church region.

The pair of votes came three weeks after the North American Division's request for a variance in the world church's model constitution to allow for broader leadership opportunities was turned down by the church's Executive Committee at its Annual Council. The model document states that conference leadership can only be held by an ordained pastor; the NAD policy, while valid within its territory, places the region at variance with the constitutional template.

NAD president Daniel Jackson put the day's discussion in the context of church unity. "The church is the apple of God's eye," Jackson said, referencing Scripture. "People around the world are interested in what happens here. But at moments of change there is some pain. No reformation occurs without pain. If there is some difference at the end of the day, how do we demonstrate that we are part of the body of Christ?"

Jackson also sketched several options available to the church leaders and delegates gathered in the world church headquarters auditorium. The Executive Committee's rejection could simply be noted; the NAD's policy, voted in 2010, could be discussed and rescinded; or delegates could reaffirm the policy they voted one year earlier.

More than two-dozen speeches from the floor followed in the next two hours, most urging the body to reaffirm the 2010 action to broaden leadership opportunities by allowing "commissioned" ministers who had not been ordained to hold top leadership positions in conferences. Though Jackson had clarified that the topic of the ordination of women to ministry was not the point of the discussion, numerous speakers spoke in favor of ordaining women, while others asked how the proposed NAD action would be viewed by leaders and members in other world territories.

Ron Clouzet, director of NAD's Evangelism Institute and a professor of Christian Ministry and Pastoral Theology at Andrews University, urged delegates to act on the basis of Bible teaching. Church "governance should follow theology," Clouzet said. "I firmly believe in the ordination of women. Once we have settled the issue of theology, [the rest] will be chicken feed."

Michigan Conference president, Jay Gallimore, said he concurred with Clouzet's main point, but also urged caution: "Unless we can find, unless we can produce the biblical understanding to move on this, collectively and together, we're never going to convince either the world church or our own churches," he told delegates. "We're a biblical church, we're a Bible church ... I hope all of us have an open mind to say 'Lord, teach me what is right.'"

"We need this to carry the work forward and we wish to send the message that women are needed," said Gina Brown, dean, of the School of Health Professions, Science and Wellness at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Maryland. "Let God's work be done."

"We are structured to allow for differences," urged Arnold Trujillo, vice president of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, one of the largest of the nine regional units of the North American Division. "We were not designed to be a monolithic organization, but one where dynamic tension is allowed to exist. We need freedom to be different, without compromising our mission. We sing in harmony, not in unison."
Just before noon, a motion to reaffirm the 2010 action was put to a secret ballot vote and passed by a margin of 162-61.

Speakers on both sides of the discussion praised Jackson’s sensitive handling of the difficult issue as well as the prayerful and civil way the discussion unfolded.

The delegates also discussed and unanimously voted the request by the October Annual Council that each division participate in a multi-year process to study the theology of ordination by establishing a Biblical Research Committee in each territory for that purpose.

According to the protocol voted by the world church’s Executive Committee, reports from each region will be integrated into a comprehensive report to the 2014 Annual Council meeting. That gathering will then determine whether to recommend any changes to the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas – the 20th anniversary of the historic debate and vote on women’s ordination held at the 1995 Session in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

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EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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
Ontario Conference Spelling Bee

On Saturday, November 5, the Ontario Conference Office of Education is sponsoring its third annual Spelling Bee at Peel Adventist School 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.

**Peel Adventist School/Immanuel Christian Reform Church is located at 2626 Mayfield Road in Caledon, Ontario.**

**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 19**  
**Community Services Day at Mount Olive Church**

The Community Services Department invites you to celebrate Community Services Day on November 19, 2011, 9:15 a.m. at 1030 Albion Road at Islington. Please join us and be blessed with the dynamic message of Elder Dexter Smith. Lunch will be served.

During our evening’s program, we will be recognizing our business partners and inform you of our community services involvement and programs. For further information, please call 416 741 1682.

**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 Nov. 1.

**November 27**  
**International Night & Concert**

International Night and Concert: Kendalwood Seventh-day Adventist Church presents an exciting fundraiser for to raise money for ADRA African Famine relief. Nov. 27th, 4 p.m. at College Park Church, 1164 King St. East, Oshawa. Tickets: Adults $10, teens $5, Children under 11 Free.

After the concert, please join us for international cuisine from over 15 countries at College Park Elementary School, 220 Townline Rd, Oshawa.  

*Meal tickets can be purchased at the door.*

**December 10**  
**Woodstock’s 40th Anniversary**
All friends, family, and former members and pastors of the Woodstock, Ontario church are invited to join us on Sabbath, December 10th, 2011 for a special anniversary service entitled “He Led Us All the Way! Celebrating 40 Years of God’s Leading in Woodstock.” We will enjoy Sabbath School, Worship, Fellowship lunch, and an afternoon service together. Our featured speaker will be Pastor Nilton Amorim, recently retired secretary for the SDACC and former pastor of the Woodstock congregation. Our afternoon program will feature a brief history, a slide show, and testimonies and stories of God’s leading over the years. Come and join us as we reminisce and celebrate together!

December 11
An Evening of Elegance and Entertainment

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church cordially invites you to join us for our Annual Church Gala on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, starting at 4:00 p.m. In addition to a sumptuous buffet, entertainment will be provided by Jones & Jones Productions. Tickets are $55/adults, $25/children (ages 6 – 12yrs) and children 5yrs and under are FREE. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 33 Carlson Court, Etobicoke, ON M9W 6H5. All proceeds will go towards our Church Building Fund. For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

May 25-27
59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend


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

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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.

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