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Thirteen Year-Old Is the Youngest Registrant as the Ontario Conference School of Evangelism (OCSE) Launches Four New Schools

April 5, 2012, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

Thirteen year-old Kendrick Ireland from Kitchener-Waterloo Seventh-day Adventist Church is the youngest person to register for the Ontario Conference School of Evangelism (OCSE), as four new schools were launched in the space of just eight days (March 24-31, 2012).

Pastor Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president, was the keynote speaker at Kitchener-Waterloo and Ottawa Adventist Churches for the launch on the afternoon of March 24 and 31, respectively. He was joined by Pastors Halsey Peat, Theodore Sargeant and Eustace Williams, organisers of the OCSE.

Although intended as a time when registered and prospective students could meet their teachers, the launch of the new schools was also a time of worship and inspiration. At Kitchener-Waterloo, the praise team and the band from Hamilton Mountain Church led out in vibrant worship.

Edwards based his message on Mark 5, the healing of the demon-possessed man. He used this story to demonstrate the value Jesus places on the individual by travelling across a lake for the sole purpose of rescuing him from demon-possession and restoring him to his right mind.

“When Jesus commanded the demons to ‘go’ from the man,” said Edwards, “it’s the same word used to command us to ‘go’ and make disciples of all men in Matthew 28:18-20. The same power is associated with it. We can be confident that as we ‘go’ and reach people with the gospel, we do so with the same power of God!”

He also said, “This man became the first evangelist in that region. Jesus rescued him, and while he wanted to remain with the Saviour, Jesus sent him to go back to his family and back to his town to tell them what Jesus had done for him. We cannot do any less!”

A number of people responded to Edwards’ invitation and joined the registered students and teachers for a consecratory prayer.

Pastor Eustace Williams was clearly pleased with the outcome and said, “When we were led to begin a school of evangelism, we had no idea that it would grow so quickly. Who would have thought, a year ago, that we would now be operating six schools across our province? But God always has a greater plan than ours. We are praying that many more of our church members will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and be part of God’s plan”.

At both locations, pastors representing nearly all the churches in each region were clearly visible, and their presence demonstrated their strong support for the school of evangelism. Even those who are not involved in teaching courses for the school have committed themselves to assist in making it a success. At least three pastors from across the three regions
have even led their church boards to provide financial assistance for their members who register for the school.

At Kitchener-Waterloo, two schools were launched for the Southern Ontario region churches and one for Western Ontario. The Southern Ontario schools will be held at Kitchener-Waterloo and Hamilton Mountain, while South London will host the Western Ontario school.

The new schools will follow the same curriculum as the original school held in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and will offer training in personal evangelism and lay preaching. In March, a second school began in the GTA offering the same curriculum. This curriculum will not be offered in the GTA or any of the other regions for the next two years. In 2013 and 2014, specialised courses in areas such as Small Group Evangelism, Family Evangelism, Youth Evangelism, etc. will be taught. However, these courses will only be open to those who have graduated from the basic training that is presently being offered.

“Adventists Have ‘Preferred Status’, ” Says Advent Health Care

Seventh-day Adventists seeking residence in either Valleyview Residence in Toronto or Heritage Green in Hamilton have ‘preferred status’, says Advent Health Care, owners of the two nursing homes.

This means that Adventists are given priority over other applicants and can look forward to being placed higher on the wait list.

Brian Fenton, Advent Health Care president, explains that when applications are made through local Community Care Access Centres, applicants must “ensure that their application indicates that they wish to be placed in one of these homes and that they are Seventh-day Adventists. This will give them preferential access to our facilities”.

According to Fenton, the government supports placing individuals in homes that are religiously and ethnically suitable to their needs, and therefore preference is given to individuals that qualify. The only people on the waiting list that are given higher priority are very urgent placements from hospital or home to prevent hospital admission.

While this has been the policy of Advent Health Care, it was not widely known in the Adventist community. It is expected that more Adventists will now consider applying for nursing homes that will cater to their spiritual and religious needs.

Valleyview presently has 342 people on its wait list. Of these, seven are Adventists and they are all near the top.

Is the Adventist Church Missing $12 Billion?

April 02, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States…Ansel Oliver/ANN

How much money would the Seventh-day Adventist Church have for mission each year if world membership records were accurate and each member returned a faithful tithe? About US$14 billion. The denomination currently receives about $2 billion annually. That’s according to this year’s edition of the Global Tithing Index (GTI), which is a report measuring 2010 statistics of tithing faithfulness per capita across countries.
The GTI is published privately by Claude Richli, associate publisher of the Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines. Though not an official publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the annual ranking can help administrators compare countries in similar regions and uncover trends.

This year’s GTI introduced a new measurement called the Total Tithe Potential, which shows the total tithe that should theoretically be received in a country if all Adventist Church members were faithful in tithing 10 percent of their income.

The total tithe potential for 2010 was about $14.1 billion. The same year, the Adventist Church received about $1.9 billion in tithe.

The GTI is an instrument that aims to level the field in comparing tithing faithfulness across countries that have economic disparity. It measures tithe per-capita by comparing a nation’s measure Gross Domestic Product with the aggregate tithe volume per country divided by the number of members on church rolls.

The GTI examines 104 countries and uses information from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 2010 Statistical Report and the United States’ Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook.

Eritrea and Switzerland again topped this year’s annual ranking, followed by Austria, Denmark and France.

The GTI also indicates increasing faithfulness among members in countries such as Brazil, which in 2010 was responsible for about half of the gains in world tithe.

This year’s edition also offers stark evidence of how an audit of membership rolls reveals a more accurate gauge of members’ financial support. Nations that had big gains in ranking on the index this year – including Togo and Bolivia – were areas that Adventist Church leaders have recently conducted membership audits.

Togo jumped to number 7 on the ranking, up from the 38th spot last year. Richli attributed the jump entirely “to the courageous decision on the part of its leadership to drop all missing members,” he wrote in the report.

In 2010, Togo reported 5,343 members, a 52 percent drop from 11,028 the previous year. That move, Richli said, showed that active members in Togo were as faithful as their counterparts in affluent countries. The church’s action in Togo, however, puts a spotlight on the “obvious need” for membership audits in many countries, Richli wrote.

Unfortunately, Richli said, about one-third of countries surveyed contribute less than 10 percent of total tithe potential. He said that figure “clearly shows that in those countries, church rolls are vastly inflated.”

Two advisors on the project are business professors at the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies, a graduate school in the Philippines and directly affiliated with the Adventist Church’s world headquarters.

“In looking at the GTI reports over the years, it’s been evident when church administration has taken clear steps to address issues in financial governance and membership records,” said Ronald Vyhmeister, director of the business program at AIIAS and a consultant to the GTI.

“This year again the membership record issue stands out as an issue that quite evidently needs to be addressed in many parts of the world,” Vyhmeister said.
Other trends noted in this year’s report include tithing in Europe, which shows a mixed picture. Some countries, such as the United Kingdom and Norway, show a gradual improvement following the start of the recession, but countries such as Spain show that the recession is severely affecting giving there.

Also, three countries ranked in the denomination’s Southern African Union – South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland – confirm that their rise in previous years was not due to a statistical distortion; each are among the top 20 countries, ranking solidly in the middle of the Western countries.

See the full report here: [http://www.aiias.edu/gti/reports.html](http://www.aiias.edu/gti/reports.html)

Source: *Adventist News Network*

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**April 7**  
**Community Guest Day at Latter Rain Church – “From Cross to Crown”**

Latter Rain Church invites you to our annual Community Guest Day on Sabbath, April 7, over the Easter weekend. Come, worship with us during our special Easter program during Sabbath School. Hear God’s message from our guest speaker, Pastor Derrick Nichols, former President of Ontario Conference. Enjoy the fellowship afterwards as lunch will be provided for everyone.

We promise a day filled with blessings and joy. Latter Rain Church is located at 7 Elinor Avenue, Scarborough, on Lawrence Ave. East near Pharmacy Ave.

**April 7**  
**Sabbath School Emphasis Day**

Want to improve your Sabbath School experience? Please join us at Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 7th for our Sabbath School Emphasis Day, with speaker Pastor Theodore Sargeant. Pastor Sargeant will also be presenting a seminar in the afternoon before the start of our evangelistic series in the evening. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Lawrence/Caledonia). For more information, please call 416-784-0261 or write tcentral@adventistontario.org.

**April 7 – April 28**  
**“Footprints of Hope” Spring Evangelistic Series**

The Toronto Central Church will be hosting the “Footprints of Hope” spring evangelistic series with the dynamic Evangelist Glen Samuels (Jamaica Union Conference) from April 7 - 28. Meetings will take place on Saturdays (11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.), Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m.

**April 8**  
**Free Income Tax Preparation**

*Filipino Canadian Church*
Free Income tax preparation for those living in the North York area, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 8, 2012 for seniors, students, newcomers to Canada and those whose maximum income level are as follows: Single – up to $25K; couple – up to $35K and Adult with 1 child – up to $30K. Internet filing is available. Register by email at filcansda@gmail.com or by phone – 647-430-0593. Walk-ins also welcome.

Address: 788 Sheppard Ave. West.

This program is in partnership with Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP).

April 13-14
“Let Daniel Speak” at Barrie

Please join us with Dr. Zdravko Stefanovic” in presenting “Let Daniel Speak” at Barrie Church.

**Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. - “The Daniel I Never Knew”**
Where is God when I suffer? How did Daniel survive major crises of faith in life?
Can God and His promises be trusted today?

**Sabbath morning, 11:00 a.m. - “Not to Condemn but to Save!”**
Why did the Prophet Jeremiah call King Nebuchadnezzar “Lord’s servant?” What does it mean to be God’s special people? How should we relate to the world around us, especially when it is hostile toward our beliefs and principles?

**Sabbath afternoon, 2:00 p.m. - “Let Daniel Speak”**
How are the stories and visions in Daniel’s book related? Why is Daniel 11 considered the most difficult chapter in the Bible? Is there any new light on Daniel chapters 10-12? What is Daniel’s message for us today?

April 14
Holistic Worship & Multiculturalism

A seminar designed to accommodate multicultural worship with Dr. Pedrito Maynard Reid, assistant to the president of Walla Walla University for Diversity.

Date: April 14, 2012,
Time: 10:00 am; 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Place: Agape Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 1999 Fairport Rd. Pickering, ON.

April 14
Education Day

On Sabbath, April 14, 2012, Mississauga Seventh-day Adventist Church will be having its Education Day. The guest speaker is Dr. Leslie N. Pollard, president of Oakwood University from Huntsville, Alabama. The theme is Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve. Musical guests are Dr. Wayne Bucknor (Huntsville, Alabama), Sharon Riley & Faith Chorale, Persuaded and more. Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.; divine service is at 10:50 a.m. and evening service is at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 905-608-0013 or visit our website www.mississaugasda.com. Mississauga Church is located at Hwy 403/Erin Mills Parkway.

April 14 & 22
Fine Arts Festival & Annual Math Olympiad

Fine Arts Festival - On Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Crawford Adventist Academy gymnasium, the Ontario Conference Office of Education presents “God Encounters.” Participants include College Park Elementary School, Cornerstone Christian Elementary School, Crawford Adventist Academy, Crawford Adventist Academy East, Grandview Adventist Academy, Adventist Christian Elementary School, Ottawa Adventist School, Peel Adventist School and Windsor Adventist Elementary School. Come join us for an evening of music and art presented by the students of the schools in Ontario. Admission is free.

On Sunday, April 22, 2012, the Ontario Conference Office of Education is sponsoring the annual Math Olympiad at Crawford Adventist Academy (CAA). We are looking for teams of 4-6 students of Junior High age who will participate in this event. The pathfinder club is one source for participants since the age range of 11 – 13 is reflected. To register and for more information, you may contact Judy Burgin-Hall at CAA (416- 633-0090). Deadline for registration is Thursday, March 29, 2012.

April 20
Kingsway College Preview Weekend

A ***free*** open house weekend for students in Grades 8 to 11.
When: April 20-22, 2012
Where: Kingsway College Campus, 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa
Reserve: (905) 433-1144 ext 211, admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca
Deadline to reserve: April 16, 2012
Prospective students must be currently in Grades 8 to 11 and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

April 27- May 5
The Fight for Your Life Evangelistic Series-a

The Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to attend the “Fight for Your Life” evangelistic series with Pastor Marvin G. Clarke, starting April 27-May 5, 2012, every night at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Also on Saturdays at 11 a.m., come and bring your family and friends. You will be blessed! Place 1621 Albion Road, (at Martingrove). Telephone: 416-401-0030; visit us at www.torontowestsda.org

May 1
TADSB Annual Constituency Meeting

Pastors & education leaders, The Toronto Adventist District School Board is preparing for its Annual Constituency Meeting. Please be advised that this important meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Crawford Adventist Academy Gymnasium, 531 Finch Ave. W., North York, ON M2R 3X2.

The 2012 Agenda and the 2011 Constituency Meeting minutes are forthcoming. For more information and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the TADSB office at (416) 633-0090 or toll-free 866.960.2125; ext. 234.
“Fiddler on the Roof” at Kingsway College

Kingsway College Drama Club Presents "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

Show Times:
Thursday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 5, 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale now - $10.00 only! Contact Ada Babida, 905-433-1144 ext. 216, babidaa@kingswaycollege.on.ca.

All seats must be reserved.

May 6

SDC-CVL 25th Year Anniversary Brunch

The SDC-CVL (The Seventh-day Christian Co-ed Volleyball League) will be celebrating their 25th year league anniversary on Sunday, May 6th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (33 Carlson Court, Etobicoke, ON) with a sumptuous buffet brunch from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. League awards will also be presented for the 2011/12 season. Tickets are $20/adults, 7 – 12yrs - $10 and 0 – 6yrs FREE.

In addition, if your church is interested in joining the league for our 2012/13 season, there will be a FREE volleyball clinic and information session offered on May 12, 2012 (after sunset) at James McGuigan CS (Keele/Finch).

For more information on either of these events, please write sdccvl@yahoo.ca

May 11-13

Kingsway College 2012 Alumni Homecoming

If you are an alumnus of Kingsway College or Oshawa Missionary College, then YOU are invited to join us!

When: May 11-13, 2012
Where: Kingsway College Campus, 1200 Leland Road, Oshawa, ON, L1K 2H4, Canada.

Honoured Classes: 10 years (Class of 2002), 20 years (Class of 1992), 25 years (Class of 1987), 30 years (Class of 1982), 40 years (Class of 1972), 50 years (Class of 1962), 60 years (Class of 1952), 70 years (Class of 1942).

For more information, including schedule of events and class contacts for honoured classes, please visit www.kingswaycollege.on.ca or call (905) 433-1144 ext. 210.

May 13

Mother’s Day Brunch

Please join us at Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, May 13th for our annual Mother’s Day brunch. Tickets are now available for purchase. Tickets are $20/adults, 5 – 12yrs - $10 and 0 – 4yrs FREE. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue
May 24-27
59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend

Our 59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend will be held on May 24, 26 & 27, 2012. Honoured classes are Classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987 and 1982; TJA Classes of 1977, 1972, 1967 and 1962. ‘Fashion Builds’, an alumni-driven event in support of the new school initiative will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012; Alumni Sabbath followed by an evening Alumni Reunion Concert on Saturday, May 26, 2012; the 4th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, Richmond Hill Golf Club, and the 7th Annual Walk ‘n Roll 4Education will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2012. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, Toll-free 866.960.2125 Ext. 234, dhall@tadsb.com; or Judy Cardona-Gamez, ext. 248, jgamez@tadsb.com Visit our official website www.tadsb.com

August 11
Brampton Church Homecoming Event

Having realized that former members and visitors to our local congregation may have spread across the larger Ontario region, we invite all such persons to our homecoming event on August 11, 2012.

The Brampton Seventh-day Adventist church welcomes you and looks forward to this joyous Sabbath reunion!

Homecoming event will be held at our local church: 37 Millstone Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

September 28-30
Seniors’ Wellness Retreat 2012

Delta Toronto East Hotel
2035 Kennedy Road (Hwy. 401 & Kennedy), Toronto

Coming soon…registration forms available from your local church.
“Register early as hotel rooms are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.”

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The Ontario Conference Is Looking for a Motivated Individual to Join Its Auditing Team!

Working within a dynamic and challenging environment, the successful candidate will be required to conduct audits, prepare audit reports, prepare financial statements, complete charity information returns, and assist local church/school treasurers on matters relating to treasury and auditing.

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business;
- Have five (5) years’ experience in auditing or related financial field;
- Possess excellent analytical skills;
- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Have a working knowledge of computer software particularly Microsoft Office Suite;
- Have the ability to work independently;
- Be willing to work long hours;
- Be willing to travel within Ontario on a regular basis.

To apply for this position please email your cover letter and résumé to Julianna M. Kapusi at jkapusi@adventistontario.org. **All applications must be submitted by March 30, 2012.**

### 2012-2013 TADSB Enrollment

The Toronto Adventist District School Board is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year at its family of schools: Crawford Adventist Academy (Main Campus), Peel Adventist School and Crawford East. Early bird discounts, scholarships and financial assistance are available. Please contact the principal’s office for registration information: Crawford Adventist Academy (High School) - Andrew Thomas (416) 633-0090, ext. 223; (JK-8) Mrs. Judy Burgin-Hall, ext. 227; Crawford East – Wendy Hutchinson, (905) 839-0849; Peel Adventist School – Leonard Hild, (905) 459-0500.

### CYSA Women's Netball League

is recruiting churches for the 2012 netball season. Come join the FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS.
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### West Park Manor Personal Care Home (Winnipeg, MB)

, a 150-bed facility, is seeking a Chief Accountant. Qualifications: B.Sc. Commerce degree-accounting major, 6 yrs. experience in related field, strong organization and computer skills. Salary includes full benefit package. For more info. contact Ruben Wollmann, CEO at 204-889-3330. Forward resume to rwollwpm@mymts.net by April 1, 2012.

### West Park Manor Personal Care Home (Winnipeg, MB)

is seeking a director of Resident Care Services. Qualifications: current registration with the CRNM, BSc. nursing degree, 3 years’ experience in management and geriatric nursing. Competitive salary includes full
benefit package. For more info., contact Ruben Wollmann, CEO at 204-889-3330. Forward resume to rwollwpm@mymts.net by April 8, 2012.

**Student Volunteers Available:** Several young adults are looking for volunteer opportunities to serve in local churches this summer. If your church is interested in having one or more of these dynamic, spiritual-lead young men and women assist or lead out in summer ministries, contact Pastor Cyril Millett in the Youth Ministries Department at 905-571-1022 (ext. 214).

**Brantford Church Is Looking for a Small Podium**

The Brantford Church is looking for a small podium to be used for placing a guest book on Sabbath mornings. If you have something to donate, please contact Pastor Darryl Blahovich at dblahovich@adventistontario.org.

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**Position Available at CUC**

Canadian University College is expanding its physical education program, athletic offerings, and leisure activities. Our immediate goal is to develop a Bachelor of Education secondary specialization in Physical Education. Thus, we need an additional faculty member to assist in this initiative as well as the growth and development of the current program. For further information, visit our website at www.cauc.ca/humanresources/jobs or contact Dr. Joy Fehr at 403.782.3381, x4031.

**Hamilton East Church is looking for these members:**

**Chatham Church in Ontario is looking for information regarding the following individuals.** If you have any information regarding these persons, please contact Pastor Dirk Zinner c/o 20 Croydon St., Chatham, On N7L 1L3 or email: dzinner@adventistontario.org.

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

Thunder Bay Church is looking for these members:

Gerald Osmond Burton - Marie-Eve Duval, and Maria Cecilia Manusoc.

If you have any information, please contact Pastor Jim Rieder at: 807-983-2659 or jrieder@tbaytel.net

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