Adventist Couple Die in Retirement Home Blaze

May 29, 2012, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

Hawkesbury Church members, Marie-Anne Bonin, 84, and Jean-Paul Bonin, 87, died last Friday, May 26, when fire broke out at their retirement home.
According to reports, the couple were trapped by the fire which broke out just outside their bedroom door.

No one else was injured as other residents were able to flee the building at 100 Industrial Blvd.

Members of the Bonin’s congregation at Hawkesbury Seventh-day Church were shocked by the news.

“We are in shock,” said Pastor Joseph Duchesne. “We are still trying to deal with it! Marie-Anne and Jean-Paul were pillars of our church, and they were totally devoted to each other and to the church. We will surely miss them, but we are comforted by faith and commitment to the Lord.”

The church has been supporting their son, Lucien, also a member at Hawkesbury Church, in his grief. Lucien is one of six children born to Marie-Anne and Jean-Paul.

A funeral service will be held for the couple on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the Hawkesbury Seventh-day Adventist Church at 5372 Route 34, Vankleek Hill, Ontario.

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At Religious Liberty Dinner, Canadian Foreign Minister Promotes 'Bedrock' Human Right

May 29, 2012 Washington, D.C.

Bettina Krause/IRLA

Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs was the keynote speaker May 24 at the 10th annual Religious Liberty Dinner, which brought together leaders and officials from Washington D.C.’s diplomatic community, government agencies, faith groups, and advocacy organizations to affirm religious freedom as a “bedrock” human right.

In a wide-ranging, often moving speech, Minister John Baird touched on Canada’s commitment to promoting human rights through its foreign policy, as well as his personal conviction that defending freedom requires a willingness to act with integrity, no matter what the cost.

Baird also spoke passionately about the plight of religious minorities worldwide, saying religious freedom is still too often “measured in blood spilled and lives lost.”

The dinner, recognized as one of Washington’s premier annual religious liberty events, was hosted by the Canadian Embassy and was jointly sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the International Religious Liberty Association, the North American Religious Liberty Association and Liberty magazine. The event celebrates religious freedom and honors those around the world who work to protect and promote this basic human right.
More than 150 people attended this year’s dinner, including ambassadors representing 17 nations and representatives from the White House’s Office of Public Engagement and the State Department’s Office of International Religious Freedom. Dan Jackson, president of the Adventist Church in North America, gave the invocation, saying that Adventists have an unwavering commitment to defend the religious freedom of all people, no matter what their faith tradition.

In his speech, Baird warned that the fight to protect religious freedom is “not an abstract debate.” He cited the recent murder of hundreds of Christians in northern Nigeria at the hands of the religious extremist group Boko Haram and the impact of so-called “blasphemy laws” in some countries, including Pakistan and Iran, that restrict the activities of religious minorities. He also drew attention to the struggles of Baha’is, Ahmadiyya Muslims, Coptic Christians, Roman Catholics, Buddhists, and others, who experience discrimination or worse at the hands of their own governments.

Baird received a standing ovation as he pledged that Canada will not only be a dedicated partner in promoting human rights, but one that will “lead by example.”

Baird is currently working to establish a Canadian Office of International Religious Freedom that will “promote and protect freedom of religion and belief, consistent with core Canadian values such as freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.”

Two religious freedom advocates were honored at the dinner. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, received the National Award for his many years as a spokesperson on religious freedom issues to the United States Congress and the media. Canadian lawyer Gerald Chipeur received the International Award for his efforts in promoting religious freedom through his writing, and his work with the Canadian Bar Association and the International Academy for Freedom of Religious and Belief. Chipeur frequently appears in the Supreme Court of Canada and other Canadian courts to litigate cases focused on constitutional issues and human rights.

Speaking after the event, Dwayne Leslie, director of Legislative Affairs for the Adventist Church, described the dinner as "one of our most successful yet" in terms of reaching out to the diplomatic community, Washington's thought leaders, and forging new and valuable relationships.

Leslie, along with Melissa Reid, executive director of NARLA, was one of the main organizers of the event.

"This year's dinner provided us with an invaluable opportunity to raise awareness about the Adventist Church's strong commitment to freedom of conscience," he said.

John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association, and director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Adventist Church, spoke at the beginning of the evening, describing the work of his organization around the world in generating support for religious freedom through congresses, symposiums, training events and festivals.

He spoke about the need to support the principle of religious freedom—not just for our own religious tradition, but for all people. “I can affirm,” Graz said, “that when religious freedom is protected, it is good for religions, good for people, and good for the nations in which they live.”
EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 31
College Park Elementary School’s Fun Fair

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our CPES Fun Fair on Thursday, May 31, 4:00-6:30 p.m. We will have games, food & refreshments, draws and a silent auction with some great items to bid on. This will be an event you won't want to miss. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, so bring your family and friends.

This year's Fun Fair is sponsored by the HSA and each class will be participating. Parent volunteers are needed, so if you would like to help your child's class, please contact the teacher to find out what you can do to help make this fundraiser a success.

IMPORTANT!!!! AFTER SCHOOL CARE: This program will not be available on Thursday, May 31 due to the Fun Fair event. Parents, please make other arrangements for child care on that date.

Students in all grades are not to be left at school unless they are assisting their teacher or a parent is present with them. If bus students do not have a parent or a guardian present they will be sent home on the bus.

June 8-10
Children’s Day at Ottawa East

For this year's Children’s Day, we will be hosting a full weekend of power-pak sessions designed especially for children and youths in our church and the community from June 8th to 10th, 2012. Our host will be international speaker and author, Neals Chitan, and the theme is entitled "BATTLE FOR THE MIND".

June 15, 16, and 17
Christian Retreat

This Christian retreat, sponsored by Timmins and Haileybury Churches, will take place at Camp Bickell, situated among the white birches on beautiful pristine Chapman Lake 55 kilometres from Schumacher, (Timmins) Ontario. Cabins and camping available Men’s and women’s dorms with shower facilities and much more.

Cost of accommodations is $50.00 for weekend. No charge for children 12 and under. Meals are $6.00/meal & no charge for children 6 and under.

For registration and information, please call: Leona Selman 705-642-3838 or email selman@ntl.sympatico.ca

June 23
Filipino Canadian Church’s 32nd Anniversary
All are invited to the 32nd Church Anniversary of Filipino-Canadian Church on Sabbath June 23, 2012. Guest speaker will be Pastor Willy Sumagaysay, Associate Trust Services director of the Adventist World Church (GC). Various regions of the Philippines will also be showcased in an evening program with music, food and traditions of these regions. For more information, contact Pearlie Cada at filcansda@gmail.com or call 647-799-0823.

July 25-29
APMOA’s 22nd Annual Prison Ministry Convention

Alliance of Prison Ministry organizations & Affiliates (APMOA) is having their 22nd Annual Prison Ministry Convention in Newark, New Jersey, on July 25-29, 2012. The Canadian Contingent is responsible for the opening night which is Wednesday, July 25, 2012. Pastor Eustace Williams, Personal Ministry director will be the speaker and the divine speaker for Sabbath, July 28, 2012 will be Elder C.D. Brooks. For the first time there will be a Canadian workshop. All who are interested in going, please contact Bethel France at 416-462-3279, Pat Longmore at 416-616-8344 or Millie Fearman at 416-292-5264. All Prison Ministry volunteers should attend this convention. A bus will be leaving for New Jersey on Monday, July 23, 2012.

June 30 – 8:00 a.m.
Ontario Conference 2012 Camp Meeting presents for the very first time…
Women’s Ministries & Prayer Ministries in Prayer Anointing and Praise
8:00 a.m. on June 30th at the International Centre in Mississauga

Join us in the Prayer Sanctuary for:
1. Relationships - family, children, parents, marriages, friends, co-workers
2. Deliverance - sins, rejection, anger, depression, drugs, temptations, guilt, curse, legal, immigration and other problems
3. Finance and Career- employment, housing, job, transportation, education, tuition, examinations
4. Salvation and Spiritual Direction- Holy Spirit, latter rain, personal relationship and growth in God, commitment to study his word and pray, leading the family in Him, churches, leaders, evangelism
Experience physical anointing for your health and well-being by the servants of God! and the miracle of prayers answered.....

August 5
Annual GTA Picnic

Curtis Ambrose is planning the annual GTA-wide picnic, and he is hoping that your church will be able to join us this year.

The picnic will be on Sunday, August 5th, 2012 at Queenston Heights Park in beautiful Niagara Falls. The picnic area booked can easily hold 1000 - 1500 people.
If you would like your church to join us for the picnic, please contact Curtis Ambrose at 416-624-9692 or email him at curtdiggie1@hotmail.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.

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.

**August 24-25**  
**Richmond Hill’s 50th Anniversary**

Richmond Hill Church will be celebrating its 50th anniversary - August 24 & 25 2012. All former members, pastors, family & friends are invited to join us for vespers Friday evening, Sabbath services, fellowship lunch, followed by a special afternoon musical program and a walk down memory lane power point presentation. For more information, visit our website at [www.rhdsa.ca](http://www.rhdsa.ca).

**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.”

**OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**Camp Frenda** is looking for a motivated individual to join our team and make this camp season a success!

Maintaining high quality standards, the *Housekeeping and Cafeteria Services Assistant Director* will assist in food preparation, serving, and clean-up of the kitchen, and will assist in housekeeping duties, such as cleaning guest rooms and public areas and laundry.

The successful candidate will:

- Possess relevant experience in cooking and housekeeping
- Have a current Food Handlers Certificate
- Have a current Hazardous Chemical Safety Certificate
- Have current CPR and First Aid Training
- Have excellent organization and time management skills
- Exhibit an eye for detail
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Have the ability to work in a team or independently
- Be willing to work long hours.

To apply for this position, please email your cover letter and résumé to Julianna M. Kapusi at [jkapusi@adventistontario.org](mailto:jkapusi@adventistontario.org) by **June 3, 2012**.

Thank you for your interest. Only successful candidates will be contacted for interview.
Cornerstone Christian Elementary School

A full-time grade 1-8 multi-grade teaching principal is needed beginning September 1, 2012. Applicant must be a committed Seventh-day Adventist, have a passion for teaching, and a love for students. Must possess excellent communication skills, experience in teaching students of varying abilities, excellent administrative and classroom management skills, be legally able to work in Canada, and be eligible for denominational and/or provincial certification. Cornerstone is a 1-8 grade school located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. A current resume, along with three letters of reference, can be emailed to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Education, at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

Crawford Adventist Academy (CAA)

A full-time secondary science teacher is needed for the 2012-2013 school year. Applicant must be a committed Seventh-day Adventist, be legally able to work in Canada, and be eligible for denominational and/or provincial certification. CAA is a K-12 school located in Toronto.

Successful candidates for the above position will have the following:

- Denominational and/or provincial certification.
- A passion for teaching, and a love for students.
- Commitment to Adventist education by example.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Experience in teaching students of varying abilities.
- Excellent administrative and classroom management skills.
- A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations yet be able to address the needs of all students.

A current resume, along with three letters of reference, can be emailed to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Education, at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

Windsor Adventist Elementary School

We are looking for a teaching principal who wants to lead students to Jesus, who is committed to helping students experience their best academically and socially, and are able to implement multiple strategies of instruction and assessment. Successful candidates for the above position will have the following:

- Denominational and/or provincial certification.
- Administrators’ certificate preferred.
- A passion for teaching, and a love for students.
- Commitment to Adventist education by example.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Experience in teaching students of varying abilities.
- Excellent administrative and classroom management skills.
- A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations yet be able to address the needs of all students.
- A firm commitment as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- The ability to work effectively with staff.
- A thorough knowledge of their discipline(s).
- Documented ability to work legally in Canada.
A current resume, along with three letters of reference, can be emailed to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Education, at jmaitland@adventistontario.org

**TADSB Enrollment – 2012/2013**

The Toronto Adventist District School Board is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year: CAA (Main Campus), Peel Adventist School and Crawford East. Early bird discounts, scholarships and financial assistance are available. There is an additional 5% discount for new Junior/Senior Kindergarten students who are registered by the end of June 29, 2012. Please contact the Principal’s Office for registration information: Crawford Adventist Academy (High School) – Mr. A. Thomas (416) 633-0090, Ext. 223; (JK-8) Mrs. J. Burgin-Hall Ext. 227; Crawford East – Ms. W. Hutchinson, (905) 839-0849; Peel Adventist School – Mr. L. Hild, (905) 459-0500. CAA Admissions Testing for students entering Grades 2-9 will convene on May 6, 2012 at 9:15 am. Please call Mrs. J. Burgin-Hall to confirm.

**CYSA Women's Netball League** is recruiting churches for the 2012 netball season. Come join the FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS. Please contact Segrid McPhie at cysa@live.ca

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