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NEWS

Ontario Bible Conference Set for April 26-28

March 7, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

On Friday, April 26, 2013, the Ontario Conference will be holding its first Bible Conference in over twenty years.

The conference will run for the entire weekend and will provide participants with an opportunity to spend time in in-depth Bible study of the book of Revelation. For many, it will be the first time they will sit in a class led by a professor of New Testament studies, Dr. Ranko Stefanovic, and engage in a deep study of the book of Revelation.
“Many Adventists only have a superficial knowledge of the book of Revelation,” says Pastor Eustace Williams, one of the organisers of the conference. “We are really excited about this weekend because it will be a time of discovery and wonder for everyone. Even those who are keen students of the book of Revelation will be amazed at what they will learn. I strongly believe that lives will be changed after this weekend.”

The conference will be held at Trinity Pentecostal Church, 900 King St. E. Oshawa, Ontario (Friday and Sabbath). And at College Park Adventist Church on Sunday morning.

“Bible conferences played a very significant role in the development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” says Williams, “and we believe that they can still bless our people today.”

Fellow organiser, Pastor Halsey Peat added, “It is clear that our members value in-depth Bible study because in recent years a number of members have even made trips south of the border to attend similar events. Although the up-coming Bible conference is local to the Greater Toronto Area and nearby areas, we hope that similar conferences could be held in other districts in our province.”

Registration for the April Bible conference is already underway. Interested persons may register online today at www.adventistontario.org.

Moskala Appointed Dean of Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews

March 06, 2013 Berrien Springs, Michigan, United States

Old Testament scholar, Jiří Moskala, was chosen yesterday to serve as dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, located in the U.S. state of Michigan.

Moskala, who has served at the Seminary since 1996, will fill the role held by current dean Denis Fortin, who last October announced his intention to return to fulltime teaching at the seminary by this autumn.

Moskala currently serves as professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology and chair of the Department of Old Testament. His new appointment is effective July 1.

“Dr. Moskala is a fine academic scholar and very loyal to the church. I don’t know anyone who can question his commitment to the mission and values that we stand for,” said Ben Schoun, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees and a general vice president of the Adventist world church.

Of his appointment, Moskala said, “My vision for the Theological Seminary is to be the light for the world and the theological resource for the church. We are here to serve the worldwide church in various capacities to prepare future church leaders to work and deal with different challenges in order to proclaim the eternal Gospel with conviction, urgency and passion, make a difference for good, and prepare people for the soon second coming of Jesus.”

The seminary dean is a member of the Adventist world church's International Board of Theological and Ministerial Education, the North American Division Executive Committee, and the North American Division Board of Theological and Ministerial Education. Additionally, the dean works closely with leadership from both the Adventist church’s North American Division and the world church headquarters.
Schoun said the seminary also acts as a think-tank for the Adventist Church. “For those of us in church leadership who are out encouraging the work on the ground to go forward, it’s nice to get the council of the thinkers who are here at the seminary.”

Seventh-day Adventist world church president Ted N. C. Wilson said Moskala comes from a “strong biblical and mission-oriented background.”

“He and his family are very focused on the tremendous task the Lord has given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and out of that grows his passion for the educational process and mission of the church,” Wilson said. “It is a blessing to have someone like that heading the seminary, keeping in front of many theological students, not only the academic side, which is very important, but also the practical mission side as we approach Christ's soon coming.”

A native of the Czech Republic, Moskala received a Master of Theology in 1979 and a Doctor of Theology in 1990, both from the Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology (now Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University). In 1998, he completed his Doctor of Philosophy from Andrews University.

Moskala began his ministry as a pastor for the Czecho-Slovakian Union, serving in this capacity until 1989. When the Communist regime fell after the Velvet Revolution, he established and served as the first principal of the Theological Seminary in Prague. Moskala has also served as director of the Life and Health Society, Education Department and Health Department for the Czecho-Slovakian Union.

Moskala has served as a speaker for many Bible conferences and theological symposia in all 13 divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he has lectured at Adventist universities and colleges around the world.

He is a member of various theological societies including the Adventist Society for Religious Studies, Adventist Theological Society, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, Society of Biblical Literature, and Society of Christian Ethics. Moskala has authored or edited a number of articles and books in both Czech and English. In addition, he has participated in several archaeological expeditions in Tall Jalul, Jordan.

The seminary’s mission is to prepare ministers and teachers for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It offers several master’s degrees and five doctoral programs: Doctor of Ministry; Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical & Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, Religion, and Religious Education; and Doctor of Theology.

Andrews is an institution of both the North American Division and the Adventist Church world headquarters, which means that it serves a broad constituency beyond its own division. Two other university seminaries are also institutions of the world church headquarters: the Adventist International Institute for Advanced Studies, located in the Philippines, and Adventist University of Africa, located in Kenya.

Keri Suarez
Source: Adventist News Network

La Sierra University Receives Presidential Award for Service

Mar. 05, 2013 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
La Sierra University was one of five educational institutions named a Presidential Awardee in the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest honor a college or university in the United States can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

La Sierra, a Seventh-day Adventist university located in Riverside, California, received the award for its efforts to improve educational and developmental outcomes for children in distressed areas.

At a ceremony in Washington, D.C. yesterday, La Sierra President Randal Wisbey received the 2013 Presidential Award from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) during the annual meeting of the American Council on Education.

“Service to others is a key part of La Sierra’s mission and indicative of the Christian ethos that drives our work as a learning community,” Wisbey said. “I am humbled by the way in which students, faculty and staff daily live out this value through formal and informal outreach efforts to help people in local and global communities.”

The award was presented by Jonathan Greenblatt, special assistant to President Barack Obama, and Wendy Spencer, CEO of CNCS.

Projects in La Sierra’s Promise Neighborhoods initiative included tutoring and mentoring elementary students, fundraising for afterschool programs in the surrounding public school district, and interactive learning experiences created by biology and communication students in the university’s natural history museum.

Total service hours, including all campus service and overseas missions, culminated in nearly 1,900 students fulfilling almost 85,000 hours. For academic Service-Learning classes alone, about 900 La Sierra students provided more than 14,000 hours of service.

The four other 2013 Presidential Award winners were Georgia Perimeter College in Georgia, Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, the University of Connecticut, and Nazareth College in New York. A total of 690 higher educational institutions were named this year to the organization’s honor roll.

CNCS, an independent federal agency, has administered the award since 2006 and manages the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the American Council on Education and Campus Compact.

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Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 9 – March 13
New Life; Spiritual Revival

People who are emotionally healthy produce fruit (Gal 5:22, 23). If you desire stronger relationships in your life, and you're looking for a closer walk with God, visit New Life Adventist Church, 33 Olive Avenue in Oshawa this Sat., March 9 to Wed., March 13, 7-8 p.m. Each night, Pastor Fidel Soto Jr. of South Point Adventist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, will give you a step towards living a more fulfilling life.
March 9 & 10
Health Promotions Weekend Gala Event with Dr. Thomas Jackson

Seventeen year ago, Dr. Jackson, Tennessee, USA, initiated a “health wave” that sparked the work of health education and evangelism in many churches across the Toronto area. An internationally acclaimed speaker, Dr. Jackson speaks both scientifically and experientially after discovering the secrets of health which saved him from a 10-year battle with a crippling case of rheumatoid arthritis, a condition his doctors told him there was no medical cure for and that he would just have to live with it for the rest of his life. Inspired by divine wisdom, he began to apply God’s natural remedies and counsels on health to his own life and was freed from the devastating effects of arthritis. Although his condition kept him from pursuing his career as a professional basketball player, God had something better for him to do! He is the Co-director of MEET Ministry, Tennessee, along with his wife, LaVerne (PhD in Nutritional Science).

Locations:
March 9, 2013 – Meadowvale Adventist Church (morning)
March 9, 2013 – Agape Temple Adventist Church (4:30 – 6:30 PM)
March 10, 2013 – Health Promotions Banquet (3:00 – 6:00 PM)
Capitol Convention Centre, 6435 Dixie Rd, Mississauga
Sponsored by: Durham School of Health & Nutrition
Call: 289-387-0414/ 416-238-1732 / info@dshneducation.com

March 17 & 18
Philly-Scarboro CHIP – Complete Health Improvement Program
Proven Results, Priceless Benefits

Do you have diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, overweight, cancer?
If so, then CHIP is for you.

- A lifestyle medicine intervention education program designed to prevent, arrest and reverse chronic disease.
- In operation over 25 years; has helped more than 55,000 participants regain their health.
- Program starts April 8, 2013.
- Cost: Single $425
- Location: Philadelphia Adventist Church, 65 Grand Marshall Drive, Scarborough. (on Sheppard Ave., 1st traffic light, east of Morningside; immediately across from the water tower).
- Contact: Tel. 905-655-5675; 416-299-7224; 905-725-2233; chipphilly@gmail.com

One-hour information and registration session:
Sunday, March 17, 4:00 pm. OR Monday, March 18, 7:00 pm.

March 23
Worship Leader Training
A Worship Leader Training will be held at the Bethel Adventist Church, 511 Horner Avenue, Etobicoke, on Sabbath, March 23, 2013, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pastor David Schwinghammer will be presenting.

All church musicians, worship leaders, choir leaders, pastors, and elders are welcome to attend this important training event.

March 23
The Classics at Scarborough

This concert will be held at the Scarborough Church on March 23, 2013 at 6:00 PM. This is a formal event and will showcase the premier of Toronto – based Adventists and friends on their musical crafts in an evening of classical music. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds going towards our newly built church. We invite you to come out with your family and friends and to share with us in an evening promising fine music.

March 30
Community Guest Day at Latter Rain Church

Latter Rain Adventist Church will have Community Guest Day on March 30, 2013. Church is located at 7 Elinor Avenue (Lawrence Avenue East, 3 blocks west of Warden Avenue, Scarborough). Theme: “The Rejected Stone”. Speaker: Pastor Eustace Williams, director for Personal Ministries for the Ontario Conference. Join us for fellowship lunch immediately after divine service. Come and be blessed.

April 5 – 7
The First-ever Canada-wide Women’s Ministries Convention

Ladies! Come to the first-ever Canada-wide Women’s Ministries Convention at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls April 5-7, 2013. Carla Baker and members of the North American Division Advisory Committee will be there to train and mentor us as ministers for Christ. Enjoy the majestic falls and praise God for his handiwork, in His creation and in YOU! Register now! Registration closes February 7. Visit www.AdventistOntario.org and click on the event listing or call 905-571-1022 Ext. 204.

April 5 - 7
Disaster Preparedness Training Phase I

Guest presenters for this event will Pastor Joseph Watts, Director of ACS DR National and Sherry Watts. Our local speakers are Pastor M. Edwards, Conference president and James Astleford from ADRA Canada. This will be held at Quality Hotel, Oshawa, ON. See Ontario Conference website, www.adventistontario.org, for additional information or contact the ACS department.

April 13 & 14
Soul-Winning Made Easy Seminar

If you are interested in learning how to effectively prepare and conduct an effective soul winning program, you are invited to attend this seminar, held at The Seventh-day Adventist Community Church, 16 School Street, Holland Landing, Ontario. Sabbath, April 13, 11:00 a.m., 2-5 p.m., and Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m. – 12.
Lunch will be provided on Sabbath April 13 (Please call in advance to let us know if you’re coming). Speaker is Pastor Roy West, executive director, NAD evangelist, Quiet Hour Ministries. For more information, please contact us at church: (905) 235-6744 or Pastor Lindo: (647) 201-4008. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

April 20
The Ontario Prison Ministry of Seventh-day Adventists Presents:
Beyond the Open Door Family Reunion Concert Part 2

With over 80 musicians on stage lifting up the name of Jesus, this will feature Michael Harris from California, Tiffany Campbell –Dailey, Apple Creek Mass Choir, Kathy Ann-Charles Tobin, Stacia Samuels Nesbeth, Michael Williams and other artists.

Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
Venue: Apple Creek Adventist Church, 700 Applecreek Blvd., Markham
Contact: Eric 647-390-8354; Pat 416-616-8344; Nesalee 905-826-9287.

April 21
Treasurers’ Seminar

A treasurers’ seminar will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 9 o’clock a.m. at the Agape Temple Church in Pickering, Ontario. Please register with Sharon Alexander by March 15, 2013, by calling 905-571-1022 ext. 308 or email salexander@adventistontario.org. Pastors and assistant treasurers are welcome to attend but registration is also required.

May 4
Sabbath School Convention

Sabbath School Convention – May 4, 2013 – theme: “It’s All about Sabbath School”
Location: Trinity Pentecostal Church, 900 Kings Street East, Oshawa.
Speakers: Pastor J. Alfred Johnson II (NAD) - Maria McClean (Children’s Ministry director) - Pastor Theodore Sargeant (Sabbath School director)
Time: 9:15 am to 5 pm
Cost: Free, lunch provided. FREE PARKING

To register, contact Verna by emailing the number of people wishing to attention from your church at vstoraune@adventistontario.org

May 23
Crawford Adventist Academy 60th Anniversary

Crawford Adventist Academy celebrates its 60th anniversary on May 23-26, 2013. We welcome all our alumni and families, former administrators, board members, faculty & staff, parents, friends and supporters. Honouring our TJA Classes of 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963 and all classes prior; CAA Classes of 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988 and 1983. Our Sabbath speaker will be the dynamic, Dr. Wesley Knight, born in Toronto, ON, and currently serving in the Greater Atlanta Area. Please contact the Office of Advancement, TADSB - Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, (416) 633-0090 / toll free (866) 960-2125 ext. 234 or dhall@tadsb.com; Judy Cardona Gamez, Advancement Assistant, ext. 248 or jgamez@tadsb.com. Visit our official
May 23-26
Crawford Adventist Academy 60th Anniversary

We are looking for all former TADSB Board members, TJA/CAA administrators, faculty, staff & chaplains! Our 60th Anniversary Homecoming Alumni Weekend is on May 23-26, 2013 and we would love for you to be a part of it. Please contact Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, TADSB (416) 633-0090/toll free 866-960-2125 ext. 234 or dhall@tadsb.com / Judy Cardona Gamez, Advancement Assistant, ext. 248 or jgamez@tadsb.com to provide your current contact information.

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