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NEWS

Bible Conference Relocates to Toronto, Becomes a Free Event

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The 2013 Bible Conference, “The Book of Revelation and Fulfilment of Prophecy”, scheduled for April 26 -27, 2013, will now be held at Downsview Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Toronto.

Attendance is free.
The decision to move the Bible Conference from Trinity Pentecostal Church and College Park Church in Oshawa to Downsview was made after it became clear that registration was low. According to reports, a number of pastors and members expressed that April has been a busy month with numerous activities, all involving registration fees. With the move to Downsview Church, the Bible Conference will be accessible to more people.

“The Bible Conference is so important for our members,” explained Dr Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president, “we wanted to make sure that as many people as possible should be able to attend. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for some of our members to learn from one of the church’s leading experts on the Book of Revelation. We wanted to ensure that they could have this experience.”

Edwards also expressed his gratitude to the pastor and members of Downsview Church for their willingness to host the Bible Conference.

Originally, the event was only free for present and recent students of the Ontario Conference School of Evangelism. With the move to Downsview Church, the event is now free for everyone. However, participants will be responsible for their own dietary needs.

A full refund will be given to all previously paid registrants. However, all participants are still required to register so that the total attendance may be calculated. The April 19 deadline has been extended to April 25 to accommodate new registrants.

“Everything else remains unchanged,” explained Pastor Theodore Sargeant, one of the organisers. “We are still having Dr Ranko Stefanovic, the church’s leading theologian on the Book of Revelation as our Bible teacher, and we are expecting a weekend together”. This Bible Conference will answer the questions you’ve always had about the Book of Revelation and prophecy”.

The Bible Conference will begin on Friday 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm.
Downsview Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 37 Bakersfield Road, Downsview, ON M3J 1Z4. To register, email (only) Rose Marie at rdunn@adventistontario.org.

**New School Year Begins for Ontario Conference School of Evangelism**

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On April 21, 2013, over one hundred students will begin classes at three locations for the third cohort in the Ontario Conference School of Evangelism (OCSE).

“We are really excited to be going into our third year,” said Pastor Errol Lawrence, one of the school’s directors. “When the Lord led my three colleagues, Pastors Halsey Peat, Theodore Sargeant, Eustace Williams and myself, to begin this initiative, we did not realise how quickly it would grow. It is clear that the OCSE was the right thing for the right time. OSCE graduates are already involved in personal evangelism and leading people to Jesus through baptism. We are expecting even greater things as more members catch the fire and fan the flames of evangelism.”

Two of the new locations are in the south. Classes for students in the Greater Toronto Area will be held at Filipino Canadian Church. Students in the Hamilton area will attend classes at
Heritage Green Adventist Church. In northern Ontario, classes will be held in a number of churches spread across the region and broadcasted via the Internet. As news of the OCSE spreads, organisers have received enquiries from people living in different countries. Students from the Maritimes, the USA, and Liberia will join the class in northern Ontario via the Internet.

The Alberta Conference and the South England Conference (UK) are just two of a number of conferences which have started or will soon begin operating schools of evangelism.

U.S. Court Gives Green Light for Adventist's Workplace Discrimination Trial

April 17, 2013 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States...Ansel Oliver/ANN

A Seventh-day Adventist school bus driver in the U.S. state of Louisiana has won the right from a federal appeals court to proceed with a workplace discrimination case over his observance of Sabbath.

Last week, Robert Antoine was granted a unanimous decision from a three-judge panel at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans against his former employer First Student Inc., the largest school bus company in North America.

Though he had informed his supervisors of his request to not work on Friday nights, the court found that First Student had not followed up on its offer of swapping his shift. He gave proper notice for his Friday night absences, but was later terminated for absenteeism.

A district court dismissed the case, in which Antoine filed suit in January of 2010, in November of 2011. Last week’s ruling by the higher appeals court means the case can now move forward.

“This demonstrates how hard it can be for a person to just get a trial,” said Todd McFarland, who serves as an associate general counsel for the Adventist Church’s world headquarters and argued the case for Antoine in September. “A lot of times just getting a trial is half the battle.”

Seventh-day Adventists observe the biblical Sabbath from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday.

Federal employment law in the United States says an employer must make “reasonable accommodations” for the religious observances of employees, as long as it doesn’t have to “incur undue hardship.”

First Student did not respond to a request for comment.

The Fifth Circuit, one of 13 U.S. federal appeals courts, is located in New Orleans and has jurisdiction for the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

McFarland says the church’s Office of General Counsel routinely assists with workplace discrimination cases regarding Sabbath observance and files friend of the court briefs in support of people of other faiths.

Source: Adventist News Network

Treasurer Says North American Tithe up 1%, 4.4% Other Regions
April 16, 2013 Battle Creek, Michigan, United States...Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN

In 1899, the fledgling Seventh-day Adventist Church had only $55.33 in a bank account here in Battle Creek. Two years later, the financial landscape had worsened. The church was some $40,000 in debt. The fiscal crisis would spur early Adventists to reorganize the church’s priorities at the turn of the century.

Yesterday, Spring Meeting delegates heard a considerably more optimistic report about their church’s financial standing—a testament to the faithfulness of membership worldwide and the prudent handling of funds at the various levels of the church, church financial officers said.

Tithe returned in the North American Division for 2012 was up about 1 percent from 2011 and totaled US$933 million. Tithe from divisions outside North America increased 4.4 percent for a total of close to $1.4 billion.

Mission offerings from outside North America similarly rose, reaching about $60 million, a 6 percent increase from the previous year. Meanwhile, mission offerings returned in North America dipped 2.6 percent, totaling nearly $23 million.

“We have seen a tremendous increase in mission giving by divisions outside of North America,” Adventist world church Treasurer Robert E. Lemon told ANN. “But I want to point out that in North America, local churches often give to many projects directly, or their members go on mission trips. These acts of mission giving go uncounted.”

Spring Meeting delegates yesterday also heard initial recommendations to appropriate the church’s supplemental budget of nearly $14 million.

“The blessing of the Lord has been evident in the giving and administration of our church,” said Adventist world church Undertreasurer Juan Prestol. “We praise the Lord for that.”

Delegates voted to approve one of the appropriations today—$300,000 to South Sudan. Since Sudan’s split in 2011, most of the Adventist population has shifted to Christian-majority South Sudan. The appropriation from Adventist world church headquarters will fund much-needed infrastructure for the church there and pay off some existing facilities in the cities of Juba and Malakal.

Delegates also approved a $7 million supplemental budget appropriation for the church’s General Conference Auditing Service (GCAS) as it phases in a new funding structure. Starting in January, a portion of audits will be funded by the audited organizations. After four years, funding for GCAS audits will be paid 80 percent by institutions, and 20 percent by conferences, unions and divisions, Lemon said.

Delegates also heard an item regarding Hope Channel – the Adventist Church’s official television network. Prestol noted that Hope Channel would require approximately $8 million more than is currently budgeted for the network to continue providing current satellite coverage through 2020. The matter is expected to undergo further study later this year before delegates are asked to act, Prestol added. If approved, funding would come from the so-called “extraordinary tithe,” which was a one-time payment of $102 million in tithe to the Adventist Church in 2007.
Following the report from church treasury officials, External Auditor Jim Nyquist, a partner from the firm Maner Costerisan & Ellis, commended the Adventist Church on the quality of its accounting records. He noted that audited financial statements presented to Spring Meeting cover the operations and appropriations handled through the world headquarters.

It has been agreed by the Executive Committee that it would be impractical to try to consolidate financial information from all the world divisions and institutions directly affiliated with the world church headquarters. One delegate, while acknowledging that it would not be practical to present an audited consolidated statement, wondered why financial information from the separate audited statements of the church’s 13 world divisions wasn’t available.

Lemon agreed that a more comprehensive look would be helpful.

Indeed, Lemon indicated that treasury is already planning to present a 10-year comprehensive report of the church’s 13 world divisions and its institutions at Annual Council in October.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Apple Creek Blvd., Markham
Contact: Eric 647-390-8354; Pat 416-616-8344; Nesalee 905-826-9287.

April 26-28
Attention, Master Guides!

You are cordially invited to attend the Master Guide Convention/Recertification Program to be held April 26-28, 2013 at Camp Samac (Council Hall), 275 Conlin Rd. E, Oshawa, ON. This recertification program is required every three years to keep Master Guides abreast of the current trends in youth culture and ministry. To register and for more info, go to www.ontariomasterguides.ca

April 27 & 28
Adventist Recovery Ministries – “The Road to Reconciliation: Harmony with Self, God and Others”

April 27 & 28, 2013, Registration $20.00 (Lunch on Sabbath, brunch on Sunday) at College Park Elementary School, 220 Townline Road, North, Oshawa, ON L1K 2J6
Registration Deadline: April 17, 2013

Contact: Ruth at rweidner@adventistontario.org

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 4**

**Oakwood University Aeolians in Toronto**

On Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. The Aeolians choir hailing from Oakwood University, one of America's historically black colleges and universities will be performing at the Toronto Centre for Arts, located at 5040 Yonge St. at North York City Centre. Toronto, Ontario. The Aeolians were formed in 1946, now with 47 members, and fresh from their conquest at the World Choir Olympics in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have been described as “brilliant.” “classic,” “moving,” “enthraling” and “unparalleled.” For tickets please visit Ticketmaster.ca.

**May 5**

**Shiloh Panthers Pathfinder Club Annual Fundraising Banquet**

"The Garden of Eden", Sunday May 5, 2013 - 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1090 Bellamy Road North, Scarborough, ON, M1H 1H2; 416-431-5048.

Tickets: Adults: $25.00; Seniors: $20.00; Students: $15.00; Children: $10.00.

**May 10-12**

**Kingsway College Alumni Homecoming**

If you have graduated from, attended or ever worked for Kingsway College or Oshawa Missionary College, please join us for the 2013 Alumni Homecoming, May 10-12, 2013.

2013 is a special year as we celebrate 50 years of the Kingsway College name and 50 years of Branson Hospital School of Nursing Graduates.

There are many exciting events planned for everyone, including a Friday Vespers concert performed by King's Heralds, A Sabbath sermon by Gordon Pifher, Class of '65, the Alumni Banquet and much more! There will plenty of opportunity to reunite with former schoolmates, friends, and faculty to breathe in the sweet air of nostalgia!

For more information, please visit the Alumni Homecoming webpage on our website at http://kingswaycollege.on.ca/web/ where you will find the entire Alumni Homecoming weekend schedule, or please call 905.433.1144, x. 211.

Hope to see you on campus, May 10-12, 2013!

**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 website www.tadsb.com; follow us on Twitter @TJAACAAAlumni; like us on Facebook ‘The Official TJA/CAA Alumni Group’

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.

May 24-26

Singles Retreat

Attention Singles! The annual Singles Ministries Retreat will be held May 24-26, 2013 at Nottawasaga Resort, 6015 Highway 89 in Alliston. Come enjoy this spiritual retreat, featuring keynote speaker, Pastor Daniel Saugh. For more information or to register, visit www.AdventistOntario.org and click on the events calendar. Early bird deadline is May 2! Registrations due May 9, 2013. This event is sponsored by Family Ministries of Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (Joan Rogers, director).

June 27

Pathfinder Scholarship

The Ontario Conference Pathfinder department is now accepting scholarship application for Pathfinders who will start their post-secondary education in September. Deadline for submission of application is June 27, 2013. Please visit www.ontariopathfinders.ca for further details.

October 24 – November 1

Family Ministries Cruise

Families, couples, singles, seniors – join Family Ministries’ director, Joan Rogers, and her husband, Pastor David Rogers, on the boat in New York for a spiritual eight-day cruise! Registration has been extended. Go to the event calendar at www.adventistontario.org for more details!

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Bowmanville Church Is Giving Away a Pulpit

The dimensions are 48"L x 24"W x 46"H. It is a nice looking dark walnut wooden pulpit. It has a light, a mic flexible stand, and casters. If you’re interested, please contact Elder Bob Russell at brdr@bell.net.

Crawford Adventist Academy (CAA)

Band Teacher (JK-12)

A full-time JK-12 instrumental music teacher is needed for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicant must be legally able to work in Canada. If hired, must be willing to work towards denominational certification. Provincial certification is encouraged but not required. Master’s degree preferred. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor of Education degree with a core in music. Composing skills will be an asset. CAA is a Seventh-day Adventist JK-12 school located in Willowdale.

The successful candidate must be able to:
- Develop and maintain a strong music program.
- Motivate students to excellence.
- Have experience in teaching students of varying abilities and ethnic backgrounds.
- Demonstrate excellent administrative and classroom management skills.

The candidate must also have:
- Experience in working with ensembles (woodwinds, brass, quintets, jazz band, etc.).
- A passion for teaching, and a love for students.
- Commitment to Adventist education.
- A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations.

Persons interested should fax three letters of reference with their letter of application and resume immediately to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, 905-571-5995 or e-mail at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

High School Biology/Math Teacher

A full-time biology/math teacher is needed at the high school level for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicant must be legally able to work in Canada. Minimum requirements: Bachelor of Education degree with emphasis in science and math. CAA is a Seventh-day Adventist K-12 school located in Toronto.

Successful candidates for the above position will have the following:
- If hired, must be willing to work towards denominational certification. Provincial certification an asset.
- A passion for teaching, and a love for students.
- Commitment to Adventist education.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Experience in teaching students of varying abilities.
- Excellent classroom management skills.
- A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations.

Persons interested should fax three letters of reference with their letter of application and resume immediately to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, 905-571-5995 or e-mail at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.
**Crawford Adventist Academy East**

A part-time elementary French teacher is needed at Crawford Adventist Academy East for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicant must be legally able to work in Canada. Minimum qualifications: Advanced certificate in French (knowledge of the Accelerated Integrated Method (AIM)) an asset. Crawford Adventist Academy East is a Seventh-day Adventist school located in Pickering, Ontario. Persons interested in the above position should send a resume with two letters of reference to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, by fax at 905-571-5995 or e-mail it to jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

**Ottawa Adventist School**

A part-time elementary French teacher is needed at Ottawa Adventist School for the 2013-2014 school year. Applicant must be legally able to work in Canada. Minimum qualifications: Advanced certificate in French (knowledge of the Accelerated Integrated Method (AIM)) an asset. Ottawa Adventist School is a Seventh-day Adventist school located in Ottawa. Persons interested in the above position should send a resume with two letters of reference to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, by fax at 905-571-5995 or e-mail it to jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

**Peel Adventist School**

A principal is needed for the 2013-2014 school year who wants to lead students to Jesus, who is committed to helping students experience their best academically and socially, and is able to implement multiple strategies of instruction and assessment. Minimum requirement: Bachelor of Education degree. Peel Adventist School, one of three schools in the Toronto Adventist District School Board (TADSB), is a 70-student, 6-teacher school located in Caledon, Ontario.

Successful candidates for any of the above positions will have the following:

- Administrators’ certificate preferred.
- If hired, must be willing to work towards denominational certification. Provincial certification an asset.
- A commitment to offering an academic program with high expectations and 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.
- Experience in teaching music, an asset.

Persons interested should fax three letters of reference with their letter of application and resume immediately to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, 905-571-5995 or e-mail at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

**Windsor Adventist Elementary School**

A full-time grade K-4 multi-grade teacher is needed for the 2013-2014 school year. Minimum requirement: Bachelor of Education degree. Experience in teaching French an asset. Applicant must have a passion for teaching and a love for students, excellent communication skills, experience in teaching students of varying abilities, excellent classroom management...
skills, be legally able to work in Canada. If hired, must be willing to work towards denominational certification. Provincial certification an asset. Windsor Adventist Elementary School is a Seventh-day Adventist K-8 grade school located in Windsor, Ontario. Persons interested should fax three letters of reference with their letter of application and resume immediately to Janice Maitland, Superintendent of Schools, 905-571-5995 or e-mail at jmaitland@adventistontario.org.

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