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NEWS

Donna Jackson Injured in Car Accident

May 2, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario

Donna Jackson, former Family and Women's Ministries director for the Ontario Conference, and wife of Pastor Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was involved in a serious car accident on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. Her heel was shattered and she was severely shaken.
She was admitted, conscious, to the ICU of a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Her husband, Dan Jackson was in California returning from meetings but was able to speak with her.

She remained in ICU until late Wednesday when she was moved to a private room. On Friday she will undergo an orthopaedic procedure on her shattered heel.

Donna Jackson worked in the Ontario Conference from May 1, 2002 until her departure to the United States in summer 2010.

Halsey Peat

First Bible Conference a Hit with Members

April 29, 2013, Downsview, Ontario...OCN

The first Bible Conference held by the Ontario Conference in at least thirty years has proved to be a hit with members.

Over three-hundred people turned out on Friday evening, April 26, 2013, to participate in "The Book of Revelation and Fulfilment of Prophecy" Bible Conference with Dr. Ranko Stefanovic.

This was far more than the organisers expected. "We expected about a hundred and fifty on a Friday," said Pastor Theodore Sargeant, one of the four organisers, "but the sheer numbers tell us that this is what our members have been looking for."

They returned in greater numbers for Sabbath and then on Sunday morning, over two hundred turned out, some from as far as Ottawa, St. Thomas and Grimsby.

A number of pastors were also present to hear 'Brother Stefanovic' (as he prefers to be called), professor of New Testament at Andrews University, share the results of his scholarship and experience with the book of Revelation.

Those who attended expecting to hear the latest conspiracy related to interpreting the book or Revelation were disappointed. Stefanovic refused to be drawn into speculation but focussed on the text itself. He took time to show how people can learn to understand the message of Revelation for themselves. He explained the use of symbolism and how to interpret them using the Old and New Testaments.

Participants were encouraged to approach the book as first being symbolic unless the context clearly demands a literal interpretation.

He gave particular attention to the study of Revelation chapters 13 and 17, showing how 13 is the key to understand 17. His presentation on Sabbath afternoon of the 144,000 of chapters 7 and 14 stimulated a lively question and answer period.

When asked about issues raised on certain websites regarding Adventist prophetic interpretation, he replied, "Some Seventh-day Adventists prefer to go on the Internet where they feed of garbage, and instead of supporting the church, they become critical of the church".
Repeatedly, he told participants to read the Bible for themselves. Ontario Conference president, Dr. Mansfield Edwards, was present on Sabbath morning and commended the participants for making the Bible Conference a priority. "This is what we need to be doing," he told them, "To set aside time to study the Word of God."

By the time the conference closed shortly after midday on Sunday, people were quick to say how much they enjoyed the weekend and were asking about the next one. "I have no words; it's so awesome! I really needed this," said Vadalia from Toronto Portuguese Church.

Beverley, from Philadelphia Church, was as enthusiastic, "This weekend has been so exciting for me! I have learned so much. My eyes have been opened; my head, oh everything has just been opened to all that Dr. Stefanovic had to offer."

Elkie from Linclon Pioneer had similar feelings, "I've enjoyed it tremendously, and it's been a real eyes-opener for me, especially in regard to the issue of the 144,000."

According to organisers, Pastors Halsey Peat, Errol Lawrence, Theodore Sargeant and Eustace Williams, plans are being made to have the next Bible Conference in April 2014.

Halsey Peat

Ontario Conference President Clarifies ECYC Recognition

April 29, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

In an email sent to pastors earlier today, Dr. Mansfield Edwards, president of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, set out to clarify the meaning of the recognition given to Eastern Canada Youth for Christ (ECYC) on January 24, 2013. The clarification became necessary as members and some pastors raised questions as to what is meant by the 'memorandum of understanding' that the conference had signed with ECYC, as reported in the Ontario Highlights.

Some wanted to know if it meant that the conference has endorsed ECYC and its activities and had given it access to the churches in Ontario.

In his email to pastors, Dr. Edwards attached a copy of the policy governing independent supporting ministries. It includes the independent ministry's commitment to be loyal to the church, maintain theological harmony with the church, secure approval from the conference administration to enter a given territory. All activities, events, speakers/presenters are to be first endorsed by the conference. Independent ministries are prohibited from receiving tithe and must state such on their website and in their literature.

This is the document signed by the conference and ECYC, and it is subject to an annual review.

According to the president, the memorandum of understanding is not an endorsement of an independent supporting ministry, but simply recognition of its existence and an acceptance of its support to work in accordance with the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario. Recognition allows it to approach churches to offer support to their local missions. However, churches retain their own authority as to whether to accept their offer of help.
"We expect that churches already have their own mission and youth evangelistic work," says Edwards, "so anything ECYC and any recognised independent supporting ministry do with a local church is to assist, not to supplant or impose."

He also noted that "before ECYC was, there have always been other youth and young adults who have been totally committed to sharing the gospel. This is nothing new to youth ministry in Ontario. However, we are glad to see when young people are willing to take an active part in the life and mission of their local churches and to engage in other youth missions, such as STORMco and other youth-driven projects.

While ECYC may presently have a high profile, let it be clear that youth and young adults in Ontario have been actively involved in ministry, much of it unpublicised. Young people are faithfully working without looking for recognition or reward."

The Ontario Conference and ECYC have agreed that a conference representative from the administration/directors be invited to sit on its executive board.

Halsey Peat

Adventists Part of Response in Bangladesh Factory Collapse Disaster

April 30, 2013 Savar, Bangladesh, Benjamin Raksham/BAUM/ANN

Seventh-day Adventists were some of the first responders to a commercial factory building collapse in Savar, Bangladesh, that has captured international media attention and sparked debate over building standards.

Ten Adventist youth trained in earthquake preparedness and potential building collapse situations were some of the first onsite after the Wednesday, April 24 collapse and helped bring out 30 victims, four of whom were still alive.

Another group of 125 Adventist young people went to the disaster site on Saturday, April 27 to assist rescue teams. The group helped recover three women as well as several bodies. They also provided food and water to survivors.

The eight-story commercial building is known as Rana Plaza and is located approximately 45 kilometers from the capital city of Dhaka.

The building housed five garment factories, production lines, banks and hundreds of shops. An estimated 3,500 people were in the building at the time of the collapse, the majority of whom were female factory workers under the age of 25. To date, approximately 400 bodies have been recovered and 2,444 injured people have been rescued, but hundreds are still unaccounted for.

ADRA Bangladesh also responded promptly by providing oxygen tanks, masks, flashlights, hammers, shovels and other tools as preliminary assistance.

According to director Serpa Santana Landerson, ADRA Bangladesh is planning to donate cash to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund after committee approval is received.
During an April 26 Adventist Youth evening meeting, young people spontaneously collected Taka 12,100 (approximately USD$160) for the victims.

Reports have confirmed that at least one Adventist, a boy named Bitu Baroi, who was working in one of the garment factories, is still missing. His mother works at Pollywog, an Adventist-sponsored handicraft industry located on the Adventist Church's Bangladesh Adventist Union Mission campus.

The disaster area is about 20 kilometers from the union office. The garment industry is a major foreign currency earner in Bangladesh and the biggest industry in the country. Bangladesh is the second largest garment exporter country in the world after China. There are more than 5,000 such factories in Bangladesh, mainly in Dhaka and Chittagong regions. And that number only counts factories registered with the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporting Association. There are hundreds more not under this umbrella.

There are about six million factory workers, mostly women, employed directly in this industry.

Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Singles Advisory, in Response to Your Many Suggestions, Has Great News!

The Singles Retreat now has a new date, new location, and a great low price!

Join in the fun of this wonderfully planned retreat on June 7-9, 2013 at Georgian College Conference Center and Summer Hotel, 1 Georgian Drive in Barrie. The conference centre is ideally situated between Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe and Little Lake, is just 20 minutes from the Barrie GO Train Station. Attendees will pay only $139 if registered early and $150 after May 17 per person for a private bedroom in a 2 bedroom-room suite, shared with a new or old friend. Accommodations boast a full fridge, microwave and shared bath.

All eight floors of the Summer Hotel have a large lounge area with four couches and a TV. The low fee includes well-planned meals for Sabbath breakfast, lunch, supper, and Sunday breakfast.

You may take a virtual tour of the facility by visiting Georgian College website below:

http://www.georgianc.on.ca/conference-services/summer-hotel

The Retreat is just five weeks away! Our goal is to have at least one single adult from each church to join us. We encourage singles to register now!

Early Bird deadline: May 17 ($139)
New Registration deadline: May 30 ($150)

May 10 & 11
Worship Summit at the Ottawa East Church
Join us at Ottawa East Church, 194 Prince Albert Street, Gloucester, ON K1J 9L9, on Friday, **May 10, 7:00 pm and Sabbath May 11, 2013 all day.**  
Our presenters, Pastor Daniel Stojanovic, vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), and Pastor David Schwinghammer, director of Stewardship/Worship Departments, will explore God honouring worship as found in Scriptures, along with many practical ways to plan, lead and most of all experience authentic worship!

**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/](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 23-26**  
**CAA 60th Anniversary Alumni Homecoming Weekend**

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](http://www.tadsb.com); follow us on Twitter @TJACAAAlumni; 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 8
Filipinos’ Heritage Day

Come and celebrate with us the Filipino Heritage Day at Filipino Canadian Church on Sabbath, June 8, 2013. Our guest speaker is Dr. Dem Robles, Pastor of the Glendale Filipino Church. Beautiful music, delicious Filipino food and spectacular costumes to be worn.

June 22
Filipino Canadian Church’s 33rd Anniversary

Join us on Sabbath, June 22, 2013, as we celebrate our 33rd Church Anniversary at Filipino Canadian Church. Guest speaker is Dr. VicLouis Arreola, III, director of Asian/Pacific Ministries, North American Division. For more information, please contact Carmelita Stewart at 905-738-5032.

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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