Renovations at International Centre to Affect Ontario Camp Meeting

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Ongoing renovations at the International Centre will affect Ontario’s camp meeting on June 29.

“We learned of the renovations for quite some time now,” said Halsey Peat, camp meeting superintendent, “but we were assured that our worship services will not be affected. They will only affect how some people are able to access the building.”
Access to Hall 5 (the adults and children’s worship halls) will be through the main entrance from the parking lot. There will not be any entrance to Hall 5 from the small parking lot between Halls 4 and 5.

Access to Hall 4 (for 13-17 year-olds) is directly from the parking lot between Halls 4 and 5.

The best access to Hall 3 (for young adults) is from the Derry Road entrance to the International Centre. However, it may also be reached from Hall 5 through the existing connection walkway.
New Speaker and New Friday Night Venue for Young Adults at Camp Meeting

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Pastor Vandeon D. Griffin will be the new speaker for the young adults at June 29 Camp Meeting in Ontario. He replaces Pastor James Doggette Sr. who is unable to be present.

Griffin, a graduate of Oakwood University and The Seventh-day Theological Seminary at Andrews University, is the Youth director of South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

“We know that some youth and young adults were looking forward to hearing Pastor Doggette preach,” said Pastor Edwin Martin, associate Youth director. “But they can be sure that they will be very happy with the new speaker. We are happy that God has provided us someone of such high calibre at short notice in the person of Pastor Griffin. Everyone may be assured of a time of great blessing.”

The venue for the Friday night worship has also been changed from Toronto West Adventist Church.

“We will be meeting at Malton Adventist Church instead,” said Martin. “With it being so close to the International Centre, it is just the right place to help us create that special camp meeting feeling.”

The service will commence at 7:30 p.m. Malton Church is located at 385 Attwell Drive, Etobicoke.

North American Adventist Publishing House Boards Asked to Consider Merger

June 20, 2013 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States

General Conference Administration

On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, the General Conference and North American Division administrations forwarded to the boards of Pacific Press Publishing Association and Review and Herald Publishing Association a request for the two organizations to consider a merger in the near future.

The proposal comes in response to church administrators’ analysis of the current publishing mission setting along with related distribution systems. It builds upon the work of several commissions and groups that over the past several years have studied the challenges and opportunities arising from rapid technology changes in publishing as well as changes in how society accesses information.

The boards of both institutions met separately Wednesday evening, and each, by overwhelming majority votes, expressed agreement to consider a yet-to-be-developed merger proposal. In addition, each board authorized its chair and president to represent the institution on a taskforce whose assignment will be to develop a detailed merger proposal for future consideration by the boards and constituents.
Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, affirmed that “publishing and distributing materials to advance the proclamation of the gospel remains a vital and integral part of the church’s worldwide evangelistic and witnessing program. We believe that restructuring the two General Conference institutions could serve even more effectively the future needs of the church especially, in North America as well as for more general assistance to the world for print and digital content that correlates with information in other media platforms.”

Review and Herald Publishing Association, located in Hagerstown, Maryland, and the Pacific Press Publishing Association, located in Nampa, Idaho, have been operating as General Conference institutions. The two publishing houses serve the General Conference, the global Seventh-day Adventist Church, and, more specifically the North American Division, as they derive the large majority of their operating resources from services to church members and denominational organizations in North America.

The proposal forwarded to the respective boards, through the board chairs, requests not only consideration of a merger of the two institutions but also a transfer of identity for these entities from being General Conference-sponsored institutions to that of being North American Division-sponsored.

The combination of restructuring envisaged in the request placed before the boards therefore involve two principal concepts with the expectation that both would be considered as a package and implemented together. The proposal envisions:

• Placing both Pacific Press Publishing Association and Review and Herald Publishing Association on the pathway to merger as one publishing house to serve the North American Division territory as well as the needs of the General Conference office.

• Restructuring the publishing house governance model from a General Conference-based constituency and board of directors to a North American Division-based constituency and board of directors.

Over the past two years, the North American Division has been developing a comprehensive approach to all forms of media ministry. “The preparation and use of literature by church members, by local church-sponsored witnessing initiatives, and as an adjunct to programs in other media platforms is a prominent component of this strategy,” said Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division. “A publishing house closely linked to church infrastructure and intimately involved with planning, implementation and coordination of witnessing and nurture programs is a key component in accomplishing our mission objectives.”

Neither publishing house receives financial appropriations from the General Conference or from the North American Division. Both publishing houses currently enjoy operating gains. Historically, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has operated several publishing houses in North America. Each must make important decisions regarding its vision for the future and the investment of capital to maintain efficiencies in publishing and printing processes. Such decisions will have far-reaching impact. In light of present surplus manufacturing capacity it is believed advantageous for the two organizations to plan for the future as one unit rather than separately and to be directly connected to a North American Division mission-driven distribution system.
A case statement presented to the two boards outlines a design for a positive, mission-oriented future for the church’s publishing ministry in North America. “It is a strategy in response to 21st century realities,” said Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press Publishing Association. Mark Thomas, president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, added, “Commercial and private publishing houses today are finding it necessary to redesign their business plans. We need to be proactive in addressing a rapidly changing publishing environment.”

The next step will be for a taskforce with representation from the General Conference, the North American Division and each publishing house to prepare a blueprint for merger. It is expected that a report from the taskforce would be presented to the boards by late September of this year. Each board will then have the opportunity to determine its response to the merger proposal.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates 63 publishing houses worldwide, each operating under its own board of governance. Review and Herald Publishing Association is the successor to the first publishing house, The Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, incorporated in 1861. The Pacific Adventist Publishing Association, established in California, was organized in 1875. It was renamed as the Pacific Press Publishing Association in 1904. A third General Conference-sponsored publishing house, Southern Publishing Association, merged with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in 1980.

General Conference administration asks that church members pray for God’s guidance upon church leaders and publishing house boards so that what is done in this matter will result in the most effective evangelistic print and digital publishing program to proclaim the three angels’ messages, advance God’s work through His power and hasten the second coming of Jesus Christ.

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EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

June 29
Announcement for Ontario Camp Meeting’s Children
Kindly note that Children’s Ministries will not be supplying snacks for children at camp meeting on June 29, 2013. Parents and guardians are advised to provide food items (other than nuts) for their children. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

June 29 – 8:00 a.m.
Camp Meeting

Prayer, Praise and Anointing Will Return to Camp Meeting June 29 at 8 a.m.

Join us as we LOOK ABOVE for salvation, healing, basic needs and relationships. Experience physical anointing by the servants of the Lord and the miracle of prayers answered. . . “as by your faith you are made whole”.

July 13 and August 17, 2013
The Family Ministries Grief Support Group Facilitator Training

The Family Ministries Grief to Wholeness committee will provide a training session entitled “How to Start a Grief Support Group for Your Church”. The first session will be held on Sabbath, July 13, from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. at College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1164 King St. E., Oshawa. This session will be repeated on Sabbath, August 17, from 2:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, 511 Horner Ave., Etobicoke. The committee requests that four (4) or more people from each church attend one of these sessions. Each person should have an interest in becoming a group facilitator. The cost is $5.00 per person. Visit www.AdventistOntario.org and click on events to download a registration form, email kbailey@adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204.

Toronto West Continues Its 50th Anniversary Celebration with Youth Day

We planned on this 50th anniversary not to simply celebrate our legacy but to leave one behind so that those who follow after us will be equipped to be agents of change for the Glory of God in their lifetime.

We invite you to join us on these remaining dates to celebrate what God has done, is doing and will do through us.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND #1:
July 27, 11:00 a.m.  -  Speaker, Pastor Henry Wright
Place: 1621 Albion Rd. at Martingrove

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND #2:
Place: Queensway Cathedral, 1536 The Queensway, Toronto M8Z 1T5
August 3, 11:00 a.m.  -  Speaker  - Pastor Carlton Byrd.
August 3, 6:00 p.m.  -  Speakers Dr. Dennis Marshall & Dr. Mansfield Edwards

LEGACY BANQUET: 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA EVENT BANQUET
WHEN:  Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 5:00 pm
WHERE:  Claireport Banquet Hall, 65 Claireport Cres.,Albion Rd. and Claireport Cres.
ATTIRE:  Formal
We plan on celebrating our past, our present and our future. Come, enjoy and be a part of this stellar celebration as we launch our Legacy Fund.
For more information please call:  Phone: (416)-401-0030
OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ESL Teacher Needed

Toronto Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church is looking for an Adventist who has a teaching license to teach English as a second language in order to open English language school at the church. If you know anybody, please contact me by email. Pastor Ataru Nakagawa, email: anakagawa@adventistontario.org.

Senior Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E) Coordinator

If you are an IT-savvy professional who is passionate about making positive changes in people’s lives, especially among the needy and the hurting, we invite you to apply for the Senior M & E Coordinator position. This important position is responsible for leading out in assessing and documenting in a systematic way the difference that ADRA supporters make in people’s lives, and ensuring that ADRA continues to learn and apply what it learns to the benefit of the people we are commissioned to serve!

If you are interested in this position, please send by email your CV and covering letter for your application to ADRA Canada Program Dept: c/o Analynn Bruce (analynn.bruce@adra.ca). Please indicate in your cover letter why you think you are a good fit for this position.”

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.

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**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.

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