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NEWS

Mansfield Edwards Re-Elected President as Ontario Conference Constituency Meeting Adjourns Amid Drama and Unfinished Business

August 25, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

Delegates to the 33rd constituency meeting of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists overwhelmingly re-elected Mansfield Edwards as conference president on the first day of the three-day meeting, August 23-25, 2013 at College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, Oshawa.

Edwards, having completed his first term as president, showed little sign of being affected by the pressure of the electoral process of a constituency meeting, told delegates, "I am deeply humbled by your confidence in me to serve God in this capacity for another four years".

In a surprising move, the Nominating Committee nominated Gary Hodder, lead pastor of College Park Adventist Church, as replacement to Daniel Linrud who served since 2009. The delegation, using electronic voting for the first time, promptly voted him as executive secretary. Before coming to Ontario, Hodder served as president of Newfoundland Conference.

Ulysses Guarin was re-elected as treasurer for his fourth consecutive four-year term.
Many delegates were present for Sabbath services at College Park. Emphasizing the theme of the constituency meeting, REACH Ontario, the entire day was used to help delegates gain an understanding of the biblical foundation for REACH, its great value to the church and to provide them with a practical experience of engaging in a model REACH planning session.

The Nominating Committee used the brief Saturday night business session to present the nominees for the departmental directors and the board of directors. However, it did so through partial reports.

Incumbents, Halsey Peat (Communications/PARL), Raveen Pal (Information Technology), Virene Joseph (Associate Treasurer), and Alvin Ram (Planned Giving and Trust Services/Kingsway Pioneer Home) were elected as a matter of course. However, the next partial report set the pattern for what was to happen on Sunday.

On the final day, each time a partial report was given, it was immediately referred back to the committee.

Each time as committee chairperson appeared, there was a sense of dramatic tension. Referrals were twice made regarding the nomination of directors and once about the composition of the board of directors. The change to the board of directors was quickly resolved, but the nomination of directors proved problematic. Of the six names presented in the final report, only three survived the referral to the committee. Of these, two were incumbents—David Schwinghammer (Stewardship and Worship) and Eustace Williams (Personal, Prison and Prayer Ministries/ BibleInfo.com). Jakov Bibulovic, pastor of Barrie Adventist Church, was elected as director for Church Growth and Evangelism. With the meeting having gone past its scheduled time by an hour, the positions of Education Superintendent, Ministerial Director and Youth Director were left to the newly-elected board of directors to appoint.

Earlier in the day, incumbents Theodore Sargeant (ADRA Representative/Community Services/ Adult Sabbath School), Edwin Martin (Adventurers/Pathfinders/Master Guides), Glenn Desilva (Camp Frenda/Men's Ministries), Maria McClean (Health/Children's Ministries) and Joan Rogers (Family/Women and Singles Ministries) were elected.

Changes to personnel resulted in Daniel Linrud, Errol Lawrence and Janice Maitland not being re-elected to the positions they held. Linrud (2009-2013) served as executive secretary; Lawrence (2005-2013) as Ministerial secretary/Church Growth director and Maitland (2009-2013) as Education superintendent.

The 33rd Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference adjourned leaving unfinished business. This included numerous proposed changes to the Bylaws. It was voted to hold a special constituency meeting, at a time to be determined, to conclude business.

Halsey Peat

Tanzanian Government Grants Charter to Adventist University

August 28, 2013 Arusha, Tanzania..ANN, Lusekelo E. Mwakalindile

Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete granted a charter to the University of Arusha, giving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the country an institution of higher learning with the highest academic accreditation.

The ceremony took place at the State House in Dar es Salaam on August 20. Kikwete handed the certificate of approval to Chancellor Godwin Lekundayo, who also serves as president of the Adventist Church in Tanzania.

"We thank God for this development and pray that the university will continue to uplift the name of God and the Adventist Church," said Andrew M. Mutero, Education director for the denomination's East-Central Africa Division, based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Representatives from seven other universities receiving a charter also participated in the ceremony. Twenty of the country’s 50 universities are now formally licensed by the federal government.
Kikwete challenged the representatives of the institutions to increase the number of students who graduate with master's and doctoral degrees, which could increase the number of students who might later return as university lecturers.

Kikwete advised the newly-established universities to also consider recruiting international teaching staff as a temporary strategy. He said this would reduce the practice of having one lecturer teaching in more than one university.

"University professors should have permanent areas so that they can concentrate and produce quality professionals who will compete in the global market," he said.

University of Arusha began in 1974 as Arusha Adventist Seminary, which offered ministerial courses and health courses. In 2003, then known as Tanzania Adventist College, the school was permitted to adopt the use a name "University of Arusha" and start the process of becoming a university. In 2007 it was offered a provisional license by the Tanzania Commission for Universities.

The University of Arusha, which today serves more than 2,700 students, is also accredited by the Adventist Accreditation Association.

Currently, the University of Arusha offers certificates, undergraduate degrees and master’s degrees. Besides its main campus at Usa River, it operates the Arusha Extensional Centre in Arusha City and Buhare Extensional Centre in Musoma, in the northern part of the country.

There are more than 450,000 Adventist Church members in Tanzania.

Source: Adventist News Network.

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 1 to September 15, 2013**
**Scholarship for Women**

Ontario Conference Women’s Ministries department will be accepting NAD scholarship application for ladies who are continuing their post-secondary education at a Seventh-day Adventist college or university in Canada. Application will be accepted from August 1 to September 15, 2013. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, ability and the recipient’s determination to improve herself. Primary consideration will be given to those in their last two years of undergraduate study. Please visit http://www.nadwm.org/article/267/resources/scholarships for further details.

**September 7**
**Kingston Church Celebrates Its 100 Years**

Kingston Adventist Church is inviting everyone to join them on September 7, 2013, as they celebrate 100 years of church existence in Kingston, Ontario.

The Durham Adventist Choir will be doing a praise concert beginning at 5:00 p.m. to end the day’s celebrations.

Church is located at:  66 Wright Cres., Kingston ON K7L 4T9.
Tel: 613-548-7765

**September 7**
**Jaime Jorge in Concert**

It Is Written Canada is pleased to present internationally-acclaimed violinist, Jaime Jorge, in concert September 7, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Toronto Marriott Airport Hotel, 901 Dixon Road, Toronto, M9W 1J5.

Tickets cost $5 until August 15 or $10 after that form www.itiswrittencanada.ca or call the ABC (either Oshawa or Willowdale). Free admission for children 0 - 3 years of age.
Jaime uses his talent to share God’s love through music. He has performed all over the world at venues, such as Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. Wherever he plays, his passion is to share music and words that will touch, inspire, and challenge each person in the audience to make the most of their gifts and talents. This is exactly how people feel when they leave his concerts. For over two decades, through 15 albums and more than 2,500 concerts, Jaime’s music has touched the lives of millions.

For additional information, call It Is Written Canada at 905-404-6510 or visit www.itiswrittencanada.ca

Sept. 13-15
Adventurer Leadership Convention

Convention is at Tyndale University, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON. Theme: “Transformational Leadership”.
Guest speaker: Brad Forbes, AdventSource director. Registration fee: $40 per person. To register, go to www.ontarioadventurers.ca.

September 14 & 21
“School of Hard Knocks”

A full length play by the Meadowvale Youth Department to be presented early 2014. We are looking for young people who are interested in acting to audition for one of ten characters in the play. This casting call is open to both members and non-members. Auditions will be held at the Meadowvale Seventh-day Adventist Church (5920 Montevideo Rd, Mississauga, ON L5N 3J5) on September 14 & 21 at 8:00 p.m. See our Facebook page for more information: www.facebook.com/hardknocksplay.

Sept.14 - Oct. 12
“PREPARING A HARVEST” 2013 Evangelistic Series at Ajax Church

Ajax Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you and your friends to this evangelistic series.

When: Saturday Sept.14 - Saturday Oct. 12, 2013
Fridays, Sundays and Mondays: 7:00-8:45 p.m.
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m-8:45 p.m.

Where: Ajax Seventh-day Adventist Community Church, 55 Emperor St, Ajax, L1S 1M9.
Tel. number: 905-231-9859

Speaker: Pastor James G’bolo- from Victory Temple Adventist Church in Buffalo
Featuring: nightly soul stirring and uplifting music by Shaina McPherson, Bible worker: Julia Clarke.
Learn more about Pastor Gbolo's healthy and effective way to lose weight. Lots of gifts and prizes.
For further information, please contact Velma Morgan at 905-683-4519.

September 20-22 2013
Filipino Women’s Retreat, Camp Frenda – Keynote speaker, Joan Rogers.
The Filipino female community is invited to enjoy fellowship and the nature of Camp Frenda. Presentation topics emphasize in-reach and outreach to Filipino women. If you have challenges living without family support or struggling with immigration, we will share these topics and more. For more information, please contact Kristen at kbailey@adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204.

September 25-28
North American Division Women’s Ministries Convention – Orlando, Florida

Registration has begun for the “Free Indeed 2014” North American Division Women’s Ministries Convention. The convention will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. Speakers include Dan Jackson, Dr. Ella Simmons, Katia Reinert, Adrienne Townsend. Enjoy musical performances by Kelly Mowrer and Gale Jones Murphy.

Sept. 27-29
Master Guide Survival Camping
In Douro-Dummer, ON.  
Activities: backpacking hike, survival training, stargazing, horseback riding, native shelter construction, etc. Registration fee: $28 per person (including bus fare). To register, go to www.ontariomasterguides.ca

September 29  
40th Anniversary Celebration - It Is Written Canada

Join us as we celebrate and thank God for what He has done through this television ministry over the past 40 years.

Pastor Bill Santos, speaker/executive director of It Is Written Canada and his team will share the history, miracles and accomplishments of this ministry.

Keynote speaker for this event will be DeVon Franklin, a senior vice-president of Columbia Tristar Pictures who has not succumbed to the pressures of Hollywood and has not renounced his Adventist faith, having been featured on Oprah Winfrey's TV, witnessing on the Sabbath. Also, Ceejay Horrell, Margaret Meikle, Jennifer Silva and Pastor Evaldo Vicente will be ministering in music.

Come and bring your family and friends for this spiritually refreshing, joyful event!

Event:  It Is Written Canada 40th Anniversary Celebration  
Date:   September 29, 2013  
Time:  4:00 p.m.  
Place:  Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church, 700 Apple Creek Blvd  Markham, ON L3R 7X9

For more information, call 905-404-6510, visit www.itiswrittencanada.ca or send email to information@iiw.ca

October 24 – November 1  
Family Ministries Retreat Cruise

Thank you to all of our registrants for calling in and booking your cabin for the Family Ministries Retreat Cruise! Please note that registration is now closed and we will be unable to provide any refund for cancellations as of August 11, 2013. We look forward to seeing you on the boat in October!

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Kingsway College is accepting new student applications and would love to hear from anyone going into grade 9 – 11 this coming September. We are the only combined boarding and day Adventist secondary school in Ontario, and we welcome students from all around the world to study in a Christ-centered environment. Please contact Kingsway College Enrolment office at 905-433-1144 ext. 211 and speak to Ashley or Remy or e-mail us at admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca. You can also browse our website at www.kingswaycollege.on.ca

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Canadian University College has immediate openings for the following positions: (1) Director of Academic Administration and Institutional Research; (2) Plumber/Gasfitter; (3) Media Assistant; and (4) Administrative Assistant/Accounting Clerk for Parkview Adventist Academy. For more information on any of these positions, please visit our website at www.cauc.ca/humanresources or contact Audrey Haggkvist at audrey@cauc.ca or 403.782.3381, x4147.

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(No later than Wednesday afternoon)