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NEWS

Board of Directors Appoints Joel Nembhard as Ministerial Director
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September 23, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

The Ontario Conference Board of Directors, at its inaugural meeting on September 22, 2013, appointed Pastors Joel Nembhard, Gerardo Oudri and Mr. Donald McIntyre as departmental directors.

Nembhard, lead pastor at Mississauga Adventist Church, is the new Ministerial director. He replaces Dr. Errol Lawrence. Oudri, pastor at Bronte Adventist Church, fills the Youth director’s position left vacant by Cyril Millett II in January. Donald McIntyre, Physics teacher
at Crawford Adventist Academy, moves into the Office of Education as superintendent of schools.

The change of title from Superintendent of Education to Superintendent of Schools was made in accordance with changes made by the North American Division. Former superintendent of education, Dr. Janice Maitland, who has been the acting superintendent of education since the constituency meeting will continue for a period of time as acting associate superintendent of schools.

The appointments will take immediate effect, but there will be a time of transition while the new directors fulfil current responsibilities.

**Legal Notice Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Special Constituency Meeting**

*September 24, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN*

**Notice:** Notice is hereby given that a special constituency meeting of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will take place on Sunday, November 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m., and concluding at 5 p.m., at College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1164 King St. East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1H9.

**Purpose:** This special constituency meeting is called for the purpose of considering the unfinished items from the 33rd Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**Regular Delegates:** The same individuals who were regular delegates for the 33rd Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be delegates for this special constituency meeting.

**Delegates at Large:** The same individuals who were delegates at large for the 33rd Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be delegates for this special constituency meeting.

**Adventist Family Among Victims of Nairobi Terror Attack**

*September 24, 2013 Nairobi, Kenya…Dan Okoth/ECD/ANN*

The husband of an Adventist church member from Nairobi was killed during the terrorist attack in Nairobi’s Westgate Shopping Mall in which more than 60 people were killed and more than 170 injured. Harun Oyieke, a lecturer at Co-operative University College of Kenya, was among those killed in the attack. He was the husband of Florence Awino, a professor at the University of Nairobi.

The attack occurred at about 11 a.m. on Saturday. Between 10 and 15 terrorists armed with automatic weapons and grenades attacked the shopping mall and killed 60 people, leaving at least 170 others wounded. At the time of filing this report Monday night, at least 50 people were still missing according to Red Cross officials. Among those killed were South African, American, Ghanaian, French, Netherlands, Australian, British, Chinese, Dutch, Indian and Canadian nationals. Several members of the Kenyan police and military were also killed or wounded in the attack as they attempted to rescue hostages.

World leaders, including UN secretary general Ban-ki Moon and U.S. President Barack Obama, condemned the attack and expressed condolences with those who had lost relatives and friends.
“This is a time of shock for all Kenyans and all – including the UN family – who are proud to call Nairobi home,” Ban-ki Moon said in a statement. “I express my solidarity with them at this moment of grief and loss.”

The siege continued into the early hours of Monday night, when the Kenyan forces broke through and released the remaining hostages. The Somali Islamist al-Shabaab militants claimed responsibility for the attack.

A survivor, Jackson Mwema, was quoted in The Standard as saying the attackers released some hostages. “They were asking our names and demanding that we read some information I couldn’t understand,” Mwema said.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, who lost his nephew and the nephew’s fiancée in the attack, condemned the terrorists, saying his government would not allow them to break the country’s unity along religious lines.

Reports said the attackers who had been dropped off at the mall in three cars overwhelmed security guards by shooting shoppers indiscriminately. They besieged the mall and held scores of shoppers’ hostage as they exchanged fire with Kenyan police and the military. TV footage and pictures showed bewildered children standing next to dead bodies and wounded shoppers in and outside the mall.

Kenyans responded to the attack by donating blood for the victims and sending messages of hope. The national blood bank had exceeded its annual average of 4,000 liters, and over Sh50 million (US$600,000) was collected in two days. The Adventist Church in Kenya gave a check of Sh1 million ($12,000). Vice President William Ruto said Kenyans had defeated evil by meeting it with kindness.

Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept.14 - Oct. 5
“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. 5, 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 27 & October 5
Shiloh’s 20th Anniversary

Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting all members, past and present, to celebrate its 20th Anniversary!
Starting Friday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. – Sabbath, October 5, 2013.
Location: 1090 Bellamy Rd North, Toronto ON.
Contact: shilosanniversarycelebrations@gmail.com
September 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 11-13
Pathfinder Leadership Convention

Oct 11-13, 2013 in Ottawa. Theme: “Dare to be Faithful.” Guest speaker: Pastor Ron Whitehead, CYE/Forever Faithful International Camporee director. Learn about the new Adventist Youth Ministries Training (AYMT) curriculum for Pathfinder leaders. Registration fee per person: $145 (inclusive of round trip bus fare from Toronto, 2-night hotel accommodation, 4 meals, taxes and convention materials). Please email Ruth Weidner at rweidner@adventistontario.org by Monday, Sept. 9, and confirm the number of delegates that need hotel accommodation. Registration form and payment may be sent afterwards but not later than Thursday, Sept. 19. To register and for more details, go to www.ontariopathfinders.ca.

Ontario Adventist Youth Discipleship Conference, which was originally scheduled for September 27-29, 2013 at Kingsway College, has been postponed for November 2013. Please wait for further notice.

October 4-6
Celebrate You! Workshops, Worship and Ball for Young Women

Young women are invited to celebrate this premiere event boasting workshops, Sabbath worship services and, on Sunday, a ball in your honour! Workshops and worship service will be held on Friday, October 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Toronto West Church, 1621 Albion Rd, Etobicoke. Also at Toronto West Church, attend workshops with lunch on Sabbath, October 5, from 1:30-6:30 p.m. On Sunday, October 6, have fun with friends at the Young Women’s Ball from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at The Gospel Café, 5120 Dixie Rd Unit #9, Mississauga. Learn money management, how to dress for success and much more! Registration closes September 30, 2013. Cost is $25 per person. For more information or to register, email Kristen Bailey at kbailey@adventistontario.org or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204.
October 18-20  
**Spanish Women’s Retreat, Camp Frenda**

Keynote Speaker Evelyn De Omana. This year’s retreat will emphasize outreach to the non-Adventist community, specifically Spanish women who are challenged with single parenting. Invite your friends and family to share and enjoy this special retreat. Adults and children, ages 4-9, are welcome! New Prices $110 per adult, children $65! To register, please contact Raquel Wendy Guzman de la Cruz at 647-713-0659 or email wraquel_cruz@hotmail.com.

October 19  
**“Committed” at Mississauga Chruch**

On October 19, 7:00 p.m., Mississauga Adventist Church invites you to an evening of powerful, heart-warming inspirational music. Committed, comprised of graduates from Oakwood University in Hunstville, Alabama, the winner of the NBC’s reality show. “The Sing Off” will be in concert with other guest artists from the GTA. Come out and support; you will be glad you did.

Tickets: $30, regular - $35 at the door  
Location: Praise Cathedral Worship Centre, 6785 Millcreek Dr. Mississauga, ON.  
For more information, please contact J. young, 416-893-9189; Opal McKenzie, 647-231-1978.

October 27  
**2013 Prayer Conference at Kendalwood Church**

Power of Prayer: The 2013 Prayer Conference at Kendalwood Church in Whitby is scheduled for October 25, 26 and a Prayer Breakfast on Oct. 27.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Alanzo Smith.   
Kendalwood Church is located at 300 Kendalwood Rd. in Whitby, that’s in the 401 and Thickson Rd. area. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this uplifting experience.

November 1-3  
**Kanisa’s Youth & Young Adults Survivor Retreat**

It’s that time of the year again; it’s our 5th anniversary, and it’s time to fight for your future!

The Kanisa Fellowship’s Youth department a.k.a. “Kanisa Krew” would cordially like to invite its members, their friends, and the extended Adventist family (between the ages 13-35) to our 5th youth & young adult survivor retreat at Camp Freda from November 1-3, 2013.

Encounter with God, amazing race, tribal games, praise & worship.

Returning this year... kids care....parents are welcome to bring their child if 4 years or younger (please note there is limited space for children and additional fees may apply).

Registration fee: $130. bus/transportation fee: $25

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We are pleased to offer two types of payment plans.  
For more information, email: youthretreat@kanisafellowship.com  
Visit: www.kanisafellowship.com or call 416-841-8634

November 2  
**2013 Stewardship Symposium**  
**Theme: “Together, We Can”**
Stewardship Symposium will be held at the Willowdale Adventist Church, 535 Finch Avenue West, Toronto. The morning services will be at 8:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. The afternoon program will be held at Crawford Adventist Academy Gym, (531 Finch Avenue West) at 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Erika F. Puni, director of Stewardship Ministries of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. All welcome. Admission is free. Special invitation to all Stewardship leaders, elders, treasurers, pastors.

A delicious lunch will be served for all those who pre-order for only $15.00. Please contact the Stewardship department of the Ontario Conference at 905-571-1022, ext. 105.

**November 15-17**

**Health & Children's Ministries Annual Leadership Training Convention**

Annual leadership training convention for leaders in Health and Children’s Ministries (Ontario) and directors/coordinators of Health Ministries from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Location: Trinity Pentecostal Church, 900 King St. East, Oshawa on November 15 & 16, and College Park Church, 1164 King St. East, Oshawa on November 17. Registration: $30 (includes seminar materials and 4 meals). Please register with Ruth Weidner at rweidner@adventistontario.org or on the website - [www.adventistontario.org](http://www.adventistontario.org). Registration deadline is November 7, 2013.

**November 17**

**NEW! Family Ministries Leadership Training**

Four modules from the NAD Family Leadership Certification Training will be provided in a one-day session this coming November in the Ontario Conference boardroom, 1110 King St. E., Oshawa. These modules are: *Human Growth and Development*, *Understanding the Family as a System*, *Spiritual Parenting*, and *Sexuality Education*. This training is designed for local church family ministries leaders and their teams.

The training will be presented by Pastor Claudio and Mrs. Pamela Consuegra from NAD Family Ministries, along with Pastor David and Mrs. Joan Rogers from Ontario Conference Family Ministries. Participants that have already completed six modules at the 2012 Festival of the Laity are asked to complete these four courses to receive their certification. New participants will have an opportunity to complete certification in future training sessions. The cost per leader is $25, which includes materials and lunch. Early bird registration is only $20 per leader (ends October 14, 2013). Register by November 4, 2013. Email kbailey@adventistontario.org for registration form or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204.

**November 17**

**Kingsway College Fun(d) Dinner**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our 2013 Fun(d) Dinner on Sunday, November 17, 5:00-8:30 p.m. at 1200 Leland Road at the A.E. King Fitness Complex.

Come and join us for an evening of entertainment and a silent auction, all in support of the Worthy Student Fund.

There is something for everyone to enjoy, so be sure to bring your family and friends!

To reserve seats, please contact Ashley at funddinner@kingswaycollege.on.ca or 905-433-1144 ext. 211. Please indicate the first and last name of your guest(s).

Registration deadline is Thursday, November 14. Seating is limited.

**November 30**

**“A Time to Heal” Day**

Lost your job? Lost your health? Lost a loved one? Join us for a day of healing on November 30, 2013 from 9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church, 700 Apple Creek Blvd. in Markham. Our afternoon workshops will offer coping methods, resources and support. Dr. Steve
Willsey, pastor and certified crisis care trainer, will be our keynote speaker during the morning praise service, an opportunity to rejoice and give thanks with those overcoming these challenges.

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ADRA Connections Coordinator - 1 Year Contract

ADRA Canada seeks an ADRA Connections Coordinator with a passion for ADRA and social justice and a heart for responding to God’s directive to care for the poor. The position is responsible for engaging volunteers in meeting the needs of those in poverty and distress through participation in ADRA Connections trips. Please send cover letter and resume detailing how your skills and experience match those listed in the job description to StayInTouch@adra.ca. See the full job description.

Volunteer Opportunities - within Canada - French Canadian translator

ADRA Canada seeks a French Canadian translator volunteer(s) with a passion for ADRA and social justice and a heart for responding to God’s directive to care for the poor. The role includes assisting with the maintenance of ADRA Canada’s soon-coming French website. The volunteer is required to have reliable internet access. Familiarity with WordPress a bonus, but can be easily trained. To register your interest, please contact us at StayInTouch@adra.ca. If you’ve already had experience providing translation services, please be sure to share that with us in your email. Merci!

Position Available at Canadian University College

CUC has an immediate opening for an Accounting Services Director to fill a temporary medical leave, with the guarantee of an equivalent full-time position for the right person. Duties include meeting internal and external reporting requirements pertaining to accounting records. A four-year business degree or equivalent is required, as well as 5 to 6 years’ related experience. Go to www.cauc.ca/humanresources (after September 9) for a job description and further information about the position, or contact Audrey Haggkvist at audrey@cauc.ca or 403.782.3381, x4147.

If you, your church or someone you know have an ENCOUNTER 1 set of filmstrips and cassette tapes, please contact Pastor Dirk Zinner at dzinner@adventistontario.org.

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