Ontario Conference Launches Philippines Aid Appeal

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The Ontario Conference earlier today launched an appeal to aid survivors in the Philippines in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan.

“This typhoon has taken so many lives and left countless homeless and without food and water,” said Pastor Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president. “We cannot imagine the sheer horror of what took place, and our hearts go out the families of those who have lost loved ones. We especially remember our own Filipino members and pastors in Ontario who are anxious about their loved ones.”

In a letter to all pastors, Edwards is asking members to take a special offering on Sabbath, November 23, 2013. Whatever is raised will be matched by the government of Canada.

“While we would like to take an earlier offering, this Sabbath pastors will make the announcement in their churches so that members will have time to prepare to give on the following Sabbath,” Edwards said. “This tragedy will not go away tomorrow. Long term help will be needed.

Edwards also announced that the conference will be hosting a prayer service for the Filipino community at Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church on this coming Sunday, November 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. It is anticipated that His Excellency Leslie B. Gatan, Philippines ambassador and Mrs. Junever M. Mahilum-West, Consul General of the Philippines, will be present.
“When disaster strikes at some of us, it reaches all of us,” said Edwards. “This service will allow many
to come and share their grief and pour their hearts out to God for comfort.”

Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 140 Saint Regis Crescent S,
Downsview, Ontario, M3J 1YB.

**Ontario Conference Approves Five-Year Term**

*November 10, 2013, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN*

Delegates to the Special Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
held on November 10, 2013, approved a five-year term between constituency meetings.

The new term will come into effect at the 34th Constituency Meeting in 2017.
The present term of four years has been in place since 2001, when the previous term of three years
was extended by a year to avoid conflict with the 2000 General Conference in Toronto.

The five-year term brings the conference term in harmony with that of the SDACC and the General
Conference.

Another significant action was the approval to do a feasibility study of developing a life-lease
retirement project and camp meeting facilities on the conference property adjacent to Kingsway
College in Oshawa.

The life-lease project has the potential of creating an Adventist retirement community in the heart of
Oshawa and establishing a permanent church-owned facility for camp meetings.

The rest of the meeting was taken up primarily with amendments to the bylaws.
The Special Constituency Meeting was held in order to complete the work that was left over at the
close of the 33rd Constituency Meeting during August 23-25, 2013.

**Former Executive Secretary, Daniel Linrud, Accepts a Call to Oregon Conference**

Former executive, Dr. Daniel Linrud, has accepted a call to serve in the Oregon Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists from December 1, 2013.

In an email sent to colleagues in the Ontario Conference on Friday, November 8, 2013, Linrud
confirmed the call from the Oregon Conference. He had recently been appointed by the Ontario
Conference to serve as lead pastor of College Park Adventist Church. However, he had not accepted
the appointment but had been waiting for the outcome of other possible calls.

Linrud recently completed four years as executive secretary of the Ontario Conference but was not
nominated to serve again.

He has served in Ontario since January 1, 1998 as pastor of Hamilton Mountain Church and Living
Word Fellowship before being elected as executive secretary in 2009. His wife, Verlaine, is a teacher
at Crawford Adventist Academy.

**EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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. 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 24

Toronto Central’s Annual Gala

Please join us for our Toronto Central Church annual “Toronto Central Gala”, an evening of elegance and entertainment on Sunday, November 24, 2013, 4:00 PM at the Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Hall, located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M6A 1P7 (three blocks north of Lawrence Ave. West & Caledonia Rd.), 416-784-0261.

Dress Code: Formal

TICKETS: Children ages 0-4: Free
Children ages 5-12: $15.00 - Youths 13-18: $25.00 - Adults: 19 & Up: $40.00

Entertainment by Denise Jones Jones & Jones Productions Ltd.

Come out and enjoy a scrumptious dinner … Lots of prizes to be won!

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.

December 1 & 2

Individual Crisis Intervention

Kingsway College Chapel – Dr. Steve Willsey

“Individual Crisis Intervention” – Registration Online Only
Sunday, Dec. 1: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early bird registration $65.00 up to November 15th - $70.00 after.
Registration includes all handout materials. Bring a pack lunch. Enquiries contact Verna at vstoraune@adventistontario.org or 905-571-1022, ext. 109

May 23-25, 2014
Crawford Adventist Academy 61st Alumni Homecoming Weekend


We are looking for two representatives for each honoured year as well as volunteers to help in various areas for this event. 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 @TJACAAAlumni; like us on Facebook ‘The Official TJA/CAA Alumni Group’.

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