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**NEWS**

**General Conference Appoints Jiwan Moon as Associate Youth Director**

*April 14, 2014, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN*

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has appointed Jiwan Moon as an associate youth director.

The appointment was made at the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive Committee in March.

Jiwan Moon is pastor of Harmony Adventist Church and the Italian Company in the Greater Toronto Area. He is new to Harmony, having only been transferred there from Kitchener-Waterloo Church just over four months ago.

Moon is the first known pastor in Ontario to be appointed directly from a church to the highest organisation of the church without having first served at a conference, union or division level. However, for many years he has been known for his keen interest in working with youth and young adults and has equipped himself academically to do so. He holds a Master’s degree in youth
ministry and, in February, successfully defended his thesis for his Doctor of Ministry degree, also in youth ministry.

In his new position at the General Conference, Moon will be responsible for Public Campus Ministries. He will be the first person to serve in this capacity since the position was only created at the Spring Council in response to a recommendation of a committee comprising representatives from the Education, Chaplaincy, Youth Ministries and Health Ministries of the General Conference.

While the Seventh-day Adventist Church has operated ministries for its own educational institution for many years, little has been done for public campuses. Only five conferences in North America have persons appointed for this. In Ontario, Adam Bujak was the first person to serve in this field. He was followed by Cyril Millett whose motivational skills encouraged pastors in university town to become engaged in campus ministry. His successor, Gerardo Oudri, is working to ensure that there is an active and supportive fellowship for Adventist students and their friends at every university in Ontario.

Halsey Peat

Pacific Press to Divest Itself of ABCs

April 16, 2014, Oshawa, Ontario

In the publishing world’s continuing struggle for survival against digital technology, the Pacific Press is divesting itself of all Adventist Book Centres in North America, including the ABC in Oshawa.

The Pacific Press, along with the Review are both facing financial challenges and have been looking for ways to reduce costs. Last year, the possibility of a merger between the two publishing houses in North America did not materialise. Now the Pacific Press is seeking to liberate itself from money-losing sectors of its operation.

Before the Pacific Press took over the running of the ABCs, they were operated by local conferences. The Press is now asking that these conference assume ownership and responsibility. Ontario is one of these.

Explaining the recent developments to the directors of the Ontario Conference at an April meeting, Conference president, Pastor Mansfield Edwards, told them that while it assuming ownership might seem a simple thing, it is more complex because it involves taking over a business and all its financial commitments. He informed directors that the Ontario Conference needed to make a decision based on thorough research into the financial operations of the ABC, its potential and its service.

In a letter on April 16, 2014 to all pastors, directors and conference staff, Ontario Conference executive secretary, Pastor Gary Hodder, informed them of the situation and further told them that the conference is now in receipt of various financial documents relating to the operations of the ABC in Oshawa. “These are being reviewed,” he said, “and we are considering the feasibility of assuming responsibility for the Oshawa ABC. In this process, we are considering such things as recent losses at the Oshawa ABC, trends, future capital needs, ministries provided, etc.”

He concluded by requesting prayer as the conference considers how to respond to the request from the Pacific Press.

No statement was made regarding a deadline from the Pacific Press.

Halsey Peat

Adventist Leaders Promoting First-Responder Training for Domestic Violence

Summit next month aims to put trained responder in more congregations

April 16, 2014 | Silver Spring, Maryland, United States | Ansel Oliver/ANN

Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders are hosting a four-day summit next month to continue the denomination’s promotion of abuse awareness, this time focusing on the need for a trained first-
The EndItNow Summit on Abuse will be held at the church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, from May 1 to 4. The summit will include first-responder training that was developed by Southern Adventist University in the U.S. state of Tennessee.

“It’s disturbing how much abuse goes on that we don’t know about within Christian homes,” said Heather-Dawn Small, director of the world church’s Women’s Ministries department. “We want attendees of this summit to go back to their churches and train others to be first responders so we can help people who are being abused.”

Her department is co-sponsoring the summit along with the denomination’s North American Division Women’s Ministries department. Additional supporting church departments include Health Ministries, Family Ministries, Youth Ministries, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and the Ministerial Association.

Since 2001, the denomination has sponsored a worldwide “abuse prevention emphasis Sabbath” on the fourth Saturday of August. Small said the initiative continues as the “EndItNow” Sabbath. Many administrative units in the denomination still heavily promote the issue.

Small said the Adventist Church is ahead of other religious organizations in admitting and promoting awareness of the issue in order to bring healing and hope for those being abused. Previous annual campaigns have focused on abuse of children, violence toward women and emotional abuse.

"People need to be aware that abuse happens and what to do about it," Small said. "A lot of times people just say, take it to the pastor. But pastors need first-responder training, too."

Small said people need to be aware about what to say and not to say to a person who reveals that they are being abused. Listening is key, she said. Also, a first-responder needs to see if the person wants to file a police report or see a doctor. Often, a social worker should be brought in to assess the situation, she said.

Small said people also need to be aware of signs that a person could be an abuser. One red flag, she said, is control. "He’s telling you what to wear, how to have your hair, where to go—he’s not respecting you and letting you make your own decisions." A sign of a potential emotional abuser, Small said, is that he gets angry when his partner disagrees with him.

Small said many people would be surprised how often physical abuse begins while the couple is only dating, yet they still get married, with one person hoping the other person will change. "What we are finding out is that many of our young girls are already in abusive relationships—physically or emotionally—and they feel powerless to get out of the dating relationship.

Willie Oliver, co-director of the denomination’s Family Ministries department confirmed that abuse is happening in Christian homes.

"It is our responsibility as the people of God to help people in need," Oliver said. "We want everyone to be well—those being abused and those doing the abusing. But that’s not going to happen until we acknowledge the fact that abuse is taking place in many of our homes. We must be intentional about helping those being abused to find safety and emotional assistance. We must also be concerned about getting help for abusers who are willing to change."

To register for the summit or to see resources on abuse prevention, visit adventistwomensministries.org or enditnow.org.

Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ontario Conference School of Evangelism’s New Classes Begin

Register today for 2014-2015’s new classes.
April 19
Filipino Gym Night

The Filipino Group at College Park Church is organizing a Filipino Gym Night Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM at Kingsway Fitness around the Kingsway College Campus. We would like to invite the other Filipino churches as well. Please join us and bring your family and friends.

April 19
Latter Rain Sabbath School Community Guest Day

Latter Rain Church invites you to our Sabbath School Community Guest Day on April 19 over the Easter weekend. The theme is 'The Power of the Cross'. Join us for an enjoyable Sabbath School program, then stay and be blessed during our divine service as we hear God’s message from the dynamic speaker, Astley Thompson of Apple Creek Church. Get to know us better over fellowship lunch and participate in our afternoon’s programs as well. Latter Rain church is at 7 Elinor Ave., Scarborough. Come and bring a friend as we worship our risen Saviour together.
For further information, please contact 647-345-0890 or www.latterrainsdsa.net.

April 21 – May 13
CHIP: PROVEN RESULTS/ Priceless Benefits

Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) is an affordable lifestyle medicine intervention education program designed to prevent, arrest and reverse chronic diseases, such as: High Blood Pressure, Obesity, Heart Disease, High Cholesterol, Depression, Diabetes, Strokes and even some Cancers, through better health habits and appropriate lifestyle.
DATE: April 21 through May 13, 2014 (twelve two-hour sessions)
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
VENUE: Philadelphia Church Hall, 65 Grand Marshall Dr., Scarborough, second light on Sheppard, east on Morningside --- across from water tower.
INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: Sunday, April 6, or Monday, April 7, at 7:00 pm.
COST: $450
CONTACT: Hermine Jordine, CHIP Facilitator - 905-655-5675; chipphilly@gmail.com; www.chiphealth.com

April 27
Math Olympiad

This is a reminder that on Sunday, April 27, the Ontario Conference Office of Education is sponsoring the annual Math Olympiad at Crawford Adventist Academy (CAA). We are looking for teams of six students of Junior High age who will participate in this event. The pathfinder club is one source for participants since the age range of 11 – 13 is reflected. It is recommended that each team be voted by your church board to obtain the $125.00 registration fee. Once voted, the students would automatically be covered by the insurance of the church. Please register by Monday, March 31. For more information, you may contact Judy Burgin-Hall at CAA (416-633-0090).

May 22-25
Crawford Adventist Academy 61st Anniversary Alumni Homecoming Weekend

All are invited to join us on May 22-25, 2014: May 22 - #WWLD Event, 7:00 pm; May 23 – TBA; May 24 – Alumni Sabbath, 10:00 am; May 25 – 6th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, 7:30 am / 9th Annual Walk ‘n Roll 4Education community event, 8:00 am. Our Alumni Sabbath speaker will be Pastor Dan Belonio, TJA Class of ’74, Associate Pastor, The Grove Worship Center, Loma Linda Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church, Southeastern CA Conference. For more information, visit www.tadsb.com or contact the Office of Advancement, TADSB (416) 633-0090 ext. 234 or 248.

May 30 – June 1, 2014
“The Price Tag on Your Children” Parenting Symposium
Residence and Conference Centre, 1760 Finch Avenue East, Toronto

Kicking off with a youth concert on Friday night, join us for hot topic discussion and networking between parents, single parents, youth and family educators. Dr. Steve Thomas, father and youth director for the South England Conference along with Pastor Halsey Peat, Drs. Fitzroy and Janice Maitland, Pastor Andre Anderson, and Pastor and Sister Diaz will address needs of today’s Christian moms and dads. NEW! Daniel Rogers to emcee youth concert 7:30 p.m. Friday. NEW! Spanish track is available. Spanish translation will also be provided for the keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas. NEW! Book sale and signing featuring Andrew Guy, author of “Work Your Words” and Tristin Burns, author of “No More Junk in Your Trunk!”

Registration due May 19! Includes Sabbath lunch and Sunday breakfast! Overnight stay is available at additional cost. Visit www.AdventistOntario.org for updates and to register, or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204.

May 31
Sabbath School Convention

May 31, 2014 – Sabbath School Convention 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration deadline May 23, 2014.

Venue: Centennial College, 940 Progress Ave, Scarborough.
Guest speaker: Dr. John Duroe, Gospel Outreach Regional director for Bangladesh and NE India.
Cost: $10 per person (includes a light lunch & free parking).
This event is open to all in Sabbath School Ministry.

For online registration and additional information, please go to www.adventistontario.org. Contact Verna at 905-571-1022, ext. 109 for inquiries.

June 20 & 21
Six Nations Native Spiritual Gathering

The “Native Spiritual Gathering” in Six Nations of the Grand River Territory will take place on the weekend of June 20 & 21, 2014.

On Friday evening, the gathering will be held at the Six Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church starting at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday at the Six Nations Polytechnic convening at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. The Church is located at the corner of Second Line and Cayuga Road; the Polytechnic is on Fourth Line, less than 1 km south of the centre of Ohsweken.

Guest speaker is Zanna Ove, editor of the RADIANT Native Health magazine, from Kitwanga, British Columbia. Zanna Ove will be presenting a health seminar in Ohsweken the week prior to the spiritual gathering.

Directions: from Hamilton take Highway 6 West towards Hagersville. Turn right on to Fourth Line to get to the Polytechnic; turn right on to Second Line to the church. If travelling on Highway 403, head towards Brantford; exit on to Garden Avenue and on to Cockshutt Road going west till you get to Second Line. Turn left on to Second Line and drive south to Cayuga Road. Church will be on your left. If you are going to the Polytechnic, turn left on Second Line and head to Fourth Line. Turn right on Fourth Line and then drive 3/4 of a kilometre—Polytechnic will be on you right.

June 22-24
Seniors’ Trip to Parliament Hill

June is Seniors Month. Ebenezer Church Seniors Ministry is planning a trip to Parliament Hill, opened to all ages, and friends. June 22-24.
See… changing of the guards, Chateau Laurier historic building, the Rideau Canal, and tour of Parliament building.
Hotel Train Package.

Please contact: Elaine Hines at 905-361-2006 - Elaine Mitchell / Lela Clarke.
July 13 & 19
Ontario Conference Bible Bowl

Do you love to read your Bible? Are you in need of motivation to read your Bible? Do you enjoy friendly competition? Are you a fan of trivia-based game shows? If you answered yes to any of the above, consider Bible Bowl! Bible Bowl is a ministry to connect people with the Word of God in an in-depth, engaging, and interactive way.

If your church has not yet begun to prepare for this year's Bible Bowl games, it isn't too late to get started!

The Ontario Bible Bowl Championship will be held on Sunday, July 13, and Saturday, July 19, 2014 (location to be determined.)

This year's books and the corresponding age divisions are:
Pre-Juniors (Ages 6-9): Mark, 2 Samuel
Junior Youth (Ages 10-15): Mark, 2 Samuel, Jonah, Hebrews
Senior Youth (Ages 16-22): Mark, 2 Samuel, Jonah, Hebrews, Nahum
Young Adult (Ages 23-35): Mark, 2 Samuel, Jonah, Hebrews, Nahum, Jeremiah
Adult (Ages 36+): Mark, 2 Samuel, Jonah, Hebrews, Nahum, Jeremiah, Proverbs 16-30

Registration fee is $40.00 per team until May 15, 2014. After that, it is $50.00 per team until June 15, 2014.

For registration forms and any additional information, please contact ontariobiblebowl@hotmail.com.

September 7
SAVE THE DATE: Reading Celebration - Reading Is Fun!
Reading is an art that might slip into extinction unless it is encouraged in this generation and preserved for future ones. Reading opens countless doors to knowledge and adventure. The Children’s Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Ontario Conference, is committed to encouraging our children along the path of maintaining and/or discovering the joy of reading. This commitment continues September 7, 2014 in the first annual reading celebration at Crawford Adventist Academy from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. At this event, children will participate in reading sessions led by individuals from our church and community. In addition, the Adventist Book Centre will be available to display and sell books, games, and devotional materials. Watch for more details.

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. Registrants can visit www.nadwm.org or call the Ontario Conference Women's Ministries department at 905-571-1022, ext. 204. Please let us know at the Ontario Conference office if you need to register or have registered. We want to be sure you are included on our Canadian list.

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunity

Kingsway College, an SDA boarding high school in Oshawa, Ontario, is seeking applicants for the following positions: Dean of Men, Task Force Assistant Boys’ Dean, Task Force Assistant Chaplain, Communications Assistant. Please visit the Kingsway College website (www.kingswaycollege.on.ca) under the “Faculty & Staff” page for more information regarding this job opportunities.

Looking for Our Members
Philadelphia Church is looking for the following members; if you know where they are or how they could be reached, please contact the church clerk’s office at 416-286-3209 or sdaphiladelphia@yahoo.ca

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Camp Frenda is looking for a dynamic, industrious, and mature individual to join the Camp Ranger team on a full-time basis. As part of the ranger team, the individual will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all buildings and equipment, as well as, the water, septic and other systems that affect the functioning of the physical plant. The successful candidate should have a strong knowledge and proven background in auto mechanics/body repair, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and heavy construction. In addition to a strong maintenance background, he/she should have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. The ranger team is expected to keep an amicable relationship with the municipality and promote Camp Frenda as a warm and friendly organization.

If you are interested in applying for this position, you may send your résumé to Julianna M. Kapusi at jkapusi@adventistontario.org by Sunday, April 20, 2014. Please note that only successful candidates will be contacted for interview.

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