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NEWS

Bible Conference Moves to Perth Avenue Adventist Church

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The Bible Conference announced for May 2-4, 2014, at Downsvew Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be held, instead at Perth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A large attendance is anticipated at the second Bible Conference to be held by the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day.

The first of five sessions will commence on Friday at 7:00 p.m. for two hours. Three sessions will be held on Sabbath, beginning at Sabbath School time. The final session will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

The conference will be led by Dr. Alden Thompson, emeritus professor of Old Testament at Walla Walla University.
“In Dr. Alden Thompson, we have selected one of the outstanding Bible teachers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” says Pastor Theodore Sargeant, one of the organisers. “His expertise in the Old Testament will be a blessing to everyone desiring to have a deeper understanding of its books.”

While attendance is free, registered participants, for $50, can enjoy the benefit of receiving Sabbath lunch and three of Dr. Thompson’s books, including “Who’s Afraid of the Old Testament God?” Registration may be done online at AdventistOntario.org. Books will be on sale on Sunday morning, but only registered participants will be guaranteed the package of lunch and three books.

The Ontario Conference is committed to helping its 31,000 plus members gain a deeper appreciation for God’s Word and, consequently, engage in daily Bible study. Perth Avenue Church is located at 220 Bethridge Road, Etobicoke. The building is located on the North East corner of Highway 27 and Bethridge Road; South of Rexdale Blvd.

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It Worked—U.S. City Reverses Ordinance After Adventist Church’s Complaint

April 22, 2014 | Silver Spring, Maryland, United States | Elizabeth Lechleitner and Ansel Oliver/ANN

Seventh-day Adventist Church’s legal counsel said that they’re pleased by a United States city’s reversal of an ordinance they said violated religious expression and unfairly targeted pastor-led faith groups, especially Latino churches.

Las Cruces, New Mexico, last month changed an ordinance that required churches to register with the city and pay fees, a move that came six months after the Adventist Church filed suit against the city.

A city spokesman last year said the ordinance aimed to provide information for the city’s obligation to provide citizens with fire and police protection. Adventist Church officials alleged that it violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The city changed the ordinance on March 17 to no longer require non-profit organizations to pay registration fees, and the Adventist Church subsequently dismissed its lawsuit from the U.S. District Court of New Mexico.

“We’re very happy that the new ordinance addresses both the city’s legitimate fire and safety concerns and our concerns about governmental interference with churches,” said Todd McFarland, associate general counsel for the Adventist Church.

The original Las Cruces Ordinance No. 16-131, passed in 1997, defined a business as “any profession, trade or occupation and all and every kind of calling,” including the work of pastors, priests, rabbis, bishops, imams and other religious leaders.

The ordinance essentially required all pastor-led churches within city limits to register with the city pay a registration fee and pass a discretionary review process before gaining approval to conduct worship services or provide pastoral care. Faith groups that are lay-led rather than clergy-led were not subject to the requirements, lawyers said.

Early last year, city officials threatened to take legal action against the Las Cruces Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church if it failed to comply with the requirements of the business registration ordinance.

There are more than 100 churches within the Las Cruces city limits, but the ordinance, Adventist lawyers said, had been applied only to a small percentage of these churches and, according to the Adventist Church’s complaint, “disparately applied to single out Hispanic and Latino churches.”

In June, the city first notified the Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church that it had seven days to comply with the requirements or face “court action,” according to a letter from the city’s Codes Enforcement Department. However, the Las Cruces Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, a majority non-Latino congregation, received no such notice, McFarland said.
The Adventist Church filed the lawsuit in September through its Texico Conference, headquartered in the Albuquerque suburb of Corrales.

"I think it was great that we did what we did in challenging it," said Lee-Roy Chacon, president of the Texico Conference. "Now that it's overturned we can continue doing ministry instead of having to act as a business."

The Texico Conference oversees church operations in West Texas and New Mexico, where it maintains approximately 80 churches and supports a membership of 12,000.

Source: Adventist News Network

Pacific Press® Board Votes to Approve $1 Million Initiative

Nampa, Idaho (April 17, 2014) — The Pacific Press® Board of Directors met today and voted to approve a $1 million initiative that will focus on partnering with ministries to create new resources for evangelism and church growth. In this initiative, known as A Million Streams of Light, Pacific Press® will offer seed money to help church departmental ministries, supportive ministries, and local church ministries create and develop new evangelistic products and programs.

Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press®, said "We asked ourselves, 'How can the church’s publishing work make a real difference in ministry and outreach for our church?'" He continued, "If we want to reach people with the Adventist message there is a need for innovative new products and programs. Ellen White wrote, 'Men are needed who pray to God for wisdom, and who, under guidance of God, can put new life into the old methods of labor and can invent new plans and new methods of awakening the interest of church members and reaching the men and women of the world.'"

Commenting after the Board meeting, Elder Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists noted, "The greatest need the church has is for an engaged membership. The Million Streams of Light initiative will provide an opportunity for our people to think creatively in terms of how they may use their God-given ingenuity to complete their God-given task in partnership with the publishing ministry."

Elder Lowell Cooper, general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists added, "It is heartening to see Pacific Press® reaching out beyond its walls to find new ways to work with the church and its people to create opportunities for ministry and mission to occur."

The entire Pacific Press® Board enthusiastically endorsed the Million Streams of Light initiative and they anticipate many innovative developments in the upcoming months. Additional information on this initiative will be made available shortly.

Source: NAD NewsPoints

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ontario Conference School of Evangelism's New Classes Begin

Register today for 2014-2015’s new classes.
Fil-Can Church (GTA): Sunday, May 25, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Register online www.adventistontario.org; or rdunn@adventistontario.org

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 23-25
Kingsway College Alumni Homecoming

Kingsway College Alumni Homecoming is **May 23-25**. Honored classes: Class of 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994, 2004, and a special reunion for the class of 1959. Room accommodations are available in the area as well as on campus. Please contact alumni@kingswaycollege.on.ca or 905-433-1144, ext. 210 or 211 for details.

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 your 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,
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, a Seventh-day Adventist 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 Ranger Job Advertisement

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.

Please send articles in plain text (NO graphics or photos) to OCN@AdventistOntario.org
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