

Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

Ministry on Campus



Enjoying the comfortable setting and fellowship provided in our weekly meetings



Our fearless and exuberant chaplain, Carolyn Macomber



Exploring the "wild" during a yearly campout

The University of Alberta in Edmonton hosts yearly approximately 30,000 students within its academic boundaries—simulating a “city within a city.” It is here on this campus that Seventh-day Adventist young adults have an opportunity to work for Christ that is unmatched anywhere else...and they are accepting the challenge. Campus Advent (CA), our SDA student-run organization on the U of A campus, has been in existence for many, many years, but a new fire has been lit within the organization, and students with the enthusiasm and power of the Holy Spirit are thrilled to set in motion their motto: “To Boldly Go Where He Would Go!”

Under the energetic guidance of their new chaplain, Carolyn Macomber, the executive committee has identified six targets for ministry with plans to build on last year’s success to incorporate these goals into their school-year program for 1998/1999:

1. **Physical:** Numerous social events are planned on a weekly basis, including sports tournaments, weekend campouts, winter retreats, etc. CA feels this is a vital element in outreach ministry—reaching people where they are and in their comfort zone.
2. **Intellectual:** Opportunities are provided through weekly meetings, as well as during campus-wide functions and on an individual basis to stimulate the “academically minded.”
3. **Social:** Each year, Campus Advent hosts a formal banquet. And, in fact, last year’s CA banquet was a prime

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“Love to Jesus will be manifested in a desire to work as He worked, for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. It will lead to love, tenderness, and sympathy toward all the creatures of our heavenly Father’s care.”

Steps to Christ, p.51 (76-78)

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From the President ... Bearing Fruit



If you know that what you said to your closest friends during the next half hour would be the last words you would speak to them before your death, what would you want to say for them to remember you by? Jesus and His disciples had just completed the "Last Supper" and were on their way to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus would be arrested and taken to be crucified. John records His last words to the disciples in chapters 14 to 16. He promised them He would send His Holy Spirit to guide and comfort them - that Spirit that would assure them of His continued existence and presence with them. And then He told them just how close He wanted to be to them: *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5 NIV).

What an intimate connection the Lord wants to have with His people! The very life of Jesus flowing through us — for that is exactly what happens to a branch on a grape vine. It is a part of the vine and shares the vine's nutrients, the vine's strength, and the attacks upon the vine as well. The vine and its branches are so inter-connected as to be considered one and the same thing. This is the identity that Jesus is willing to have with His followers!

As people look at the branches and the fruit they produce, they make judgments about the value of the whole plant. To the passerby, the branches are more visible than the vine itself. They are what is seen. And what they see in the branches leads them to their opinion of the value of the entire plant. In a similar way, it is true that people judge Christianity (and a particular brand of Christianity such as denominations) by what they see in its adherents. What a responsibility is ours! And yet what a privilege! We can, by being solidly connected to the Vine, be the means of attracting men and women to Jesus. In fact, Jesus says in this verse that if we remain connected to Him we will bear much fruit. Our lives will produce positive opinions about the Vine. The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—Gal.5:22) will be seen in us! And as our lives reveal the fruits of the Spirit, the additional fruit of encouragement and conversion of others will also occur.

When connected to a healthy vine (and what vine is healthier than Jesus!) a branch will inevitably bear fruit. But when a branch is disconnected from the vine it simply will not bear fruit. That fact is so true that it became the basis of a miracle in the days of Moses and Aaron. Some of the people were complaining about Aaron and the tribe of Levi being given the spiritual leadership position among the people. And so the Lord Himself instructed that the leader of each tribe bring a rod and Moses would put them into the sanctuary overnight. The Lord said that in the morning the rod that had blossoms on it would be an indication to know that God Himself had selected that tribe and that man as the spiritual leader in Israel. Miraculously, Aaron's rod not only blossomed but also bore almonds. It was a miracle and the people knew it. By that means they recognized that God had, indeed, chosen Aaron to be the high priest and the tribe of Levi to assist him.

Using this universal truth about branches Jesus warns His disciples that without being connected to Him they simply cannot bear fruit. The fruit is not something a branch produces. It is something that comes by being connected to the Vine. The whole issue of fruit-bearing is in the connections you have.

Over the generations since Jesus left His disciples there has been much agitation about fruit-bearing. Too many times His followers have forgotten the vital truth that Jesus expressed in this parable. Artificial fruit has been forced from lives not truly connected to the Vine. It was that way in Jesus' day and we still struggle with those whose focus is so much upon what they deem to be the fruit of sanctification that they miss the connection with Jesus. But no matter how good it looks, it is still artificial fruit and it has no value if the connection is missing.

The beauty of Jesus' plan is that "if a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit..." It's as simple as that! Remain in Him; the fruit will certainly follow and it will be pure fruit wholly in harmony with His Word and teachings.

Foothills Summer Camp Ministries

The summer of 1998 has been an exciting one for Foothills Camp. The camp enjoyed a 20%+ increase in campers, the completion of Sherwood Forest, and the construction of a High Ropes course. The additional 70 campers gave Foothills "405 camper weeks," the highest number in three years! Each week saw the vast majority (90%+) of these young people respond positively to an invitation to commit their lives to Jesus. The increase in camper attendance has been due to the excellent staff and programming efforts of the past number of years. Many parents in local communities tell their friends, "Foothills Camp is the summer camp to send your child!" That is a legacy we want to build on. Praise God for great staff, and an exciting response by campers.

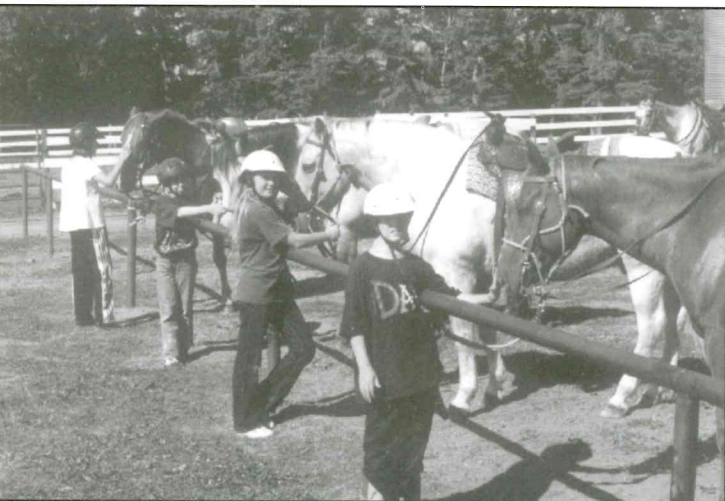
We were excited this year with the completion of a number of elements on the Sherwood Forest area - completing this exciting area for junior aged young people. It will also serve as an excellent camping facility for young adults who wish to build group community on the lower elements, as well as tackle the High Ropes Course. This particular course is an exciting, professional tool for the development of older youth right through seniors! It has recently hosted groups of faculty from CUC, as well as Alberta Conference pastoral staff. It proves a great way

to stretch our boundaries, unite together, and gain spiritual and practical lessons.

1998 was a year that provided for positive community witness. It was a pleasure to receive significant donations from Trans-Alta for the High Ropes Course, and from the Olds RCMP for staff administration expense.

Thank you for your prayers, physical and financial support on behalf of our camp ministry. We are particularly grateful to those donors that made the High Ropes Course a reality, and to those churches and individuals who sponsored campers. You have made a very real and substantial impact on our young people. We invite you to continue to think of Summer Camp Ministry as a powerful ministry for young people.

Todd Miller



Alberta Opportunity Company Believes in Alberta's Young Entrepreneurs

Trademark Embroidery of Calgary is an example of how AOC has helped young entrepreneurs get started. Call 1-800-661-3811, if interested.

"It was difficult to get financing because of our age. So, after putting a business plan together and doing some research on the machines, we approached AOC."

Keith Heinrich

"If Christians would associate together, speaking to each other of the love of God, and of the precious truths of redemption, their own hearts would be refreshed, and they would refresh one another."

Steps to Christ, p. 70 (101-103)

Women In Ministry

Throughout history women have played a vibrant role in ministry. They've followed at a distance and worked earnestly and often quietly behind the scenes; women like Mary and Martha, Deborah and Ann, Tabitha (known as Dorcas), Lois and Eunice, Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis. These women have been a great help to many people, the last three received special mention from the Apostle Paul in Romans 16:12.

We want to walk in the footsteps of those women who have gone before us. We want to raise awareness of the contributions that women are making and bring them into the spotlight. We want to provide resources and support for empowering women to reach their goals. We want to value the uniqueness that women bring to ministry.

"It is our purpose to inspire women to reach their full potential in

Christ; to enable women to deepen their spiritual lives, and act on their faith by utilizing their unique gifts in service for Him, thus becoming a significant part in hastening Christ's return. We minister with love and compassion to the spiritual, physical, mental and social needs of men, women and children, displaying and declaring the love of God for fallen humanity. Our ultimate goal is to bring souls to Jesus Christ." (Quote from NAD Women's Ministries Mission Statement).

As your Women's Ministries Director in Alberta, to this end I labour, and like the Apostle Paul said of Phoebe, I want each woman to be received by her church in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and for her to be given any help that she needs. See Romans 16:1 and 2 (NIV).

*Kathy Jo Duterrow Yergen,
Alberta Women's Ministries Director*

A Prayer for All Women

Lord give me the wisdom to discover in each woman
her spark of divinity,
the gift which you have given her,
and through love and guidance,
nurture this spark into a glowing flame.

Let me not favor any woman over another.
Let all be worthy of my concern without regard to
her culture, background, education, or whether
she is rich or poor.

And lastly, Lord, in my service to thee,
May I inspire, help and affirm all women
that they can and will become the Hannah's
the Lydia's and the Abigail's of today -
For such a time as this!

- Adapted by Evelyn Vandever

College Heights

Under the direction of Belinda Bader, Judy Teichroeb, Virginia Whitehead and Kathy Yergen, the Women's Ministries of the College Heights Church have organized three events known as "The Blessed Tea."

The tea was designed for spiritual refreshing in a non-threatening environment introducing other Christian-minded women to our church.

The symbols of the tea are:

Water - Water of life, Jesus.

Tea - Diversity of individuals. Each of us is a unique and very special blend.

Honey - God's Word. "Sweeter also than honey and honeycomb."

Steep thoroughly - we are to "immerse" ourselves in Jesus and His Word.

Kathy Jo Duterrow Yergen

Beiseker

Four years ago approximately 50 ladies of the Beiseker Church participated in Christian fellowship with ladies in their community. It was so successful that this has become an annual event. This year's supper was held on April 21 with the theme "Wrapped in the Comfort of His Grace." One hundred and seventy-five ladies attended! One of the many quilts that were on display was a hundred years old.

Geri Seidel

Grande Prairie

Sixty women from Ft. Vermillion, Peace River, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Ft. St. John, Peoria, and Grande Prairie participated in a one-day retreat. Kathy Jo Yergen of Lacombe provided inspiration with her stories and insight into God's Word, power, and love. A cozy garden chapel atmosphere was inviting. Call Dianne Berthold or Sharon Wunsch to share ideas!

Jodie Ingraham

St. Albert

The 15-25 ladies of the St. Albert Seventh-day Adventist Church are very excited about their ladies' ministry group, "Women in Harmony." Women's Ministries leader, Ona Marques, arranges appealing programs and activities for the purpose of inviting unchurched family, friends and neighbours. A wide range of activities have included such events as a greenhouse tour, craft/movie night, as well as presentations by professional interior decorators, massage therapists, and estheticians.

*Erna Straub,
Yvonne
Kapiniak,
Melissa
Huether,
Marion Anderst*



Calgary Central

In the fall of 1996 a group of women met to discuss what was to be their mission statement. After brainstorming, they adopted the following:

Mission: To minister with love and compassion to the spiritual, physical, mental, and social needs of men, women, and children, displaying and declaring the love of God for fallen humanity. (Taken from the Mission Statement of NAD Women's Ministries.)



Two of our bright stars

Vision: To inspire women to reach their full potential in Christ, to enable women to deepen their spiritual lives, and act on their faith by utilizing their unique gifts in service for Him, thus becoming a significant part of hastening Christ's return.

Goal: To facilitate programs for all women of Calgary Central and our community in order to learn, grow, and reach out in ministry to others. Our ultimate goal is to bring souls to Jesus Christ.

To this end, we have endeavored to provide the following programs to enhance the lives of the women of the church, but also provide opportunity for outreach in a non-threatening environment:



What's this?

- * Strawberry Tea — To introduce the women of the church (and their friends) to Women's Ministries and to brainstorm for ideas for programs and events.

- * Secret Sisters — During the year, each participant receives cards, small gifts, notes of encouragement and, most importantly, the prayers of their "secret sister." Each December there is a Secret Sister event (a tea or baking exchange, etc.) where secret sisters are revealed and new ones are selected.
- * Health Forum — "A Sampling of Good Health" Four speakers were invited to present different aspects of health (sleep disorders, heart health, nutrition, and wholistic medicine). This was open to the whole congregation (men included), as well as to the community.
- * Family Health — Dr. Reuben Lorenson of the Gimbel Eye Center was invited to speak regarding family health issues.
- * Salad In a Basket — A local horticulturist and co-host of a local gardening radio show was invited to present a program on gardening. He had just developed (and has since written a book) a concept called "Salad in a Basket," a new twist on container gardening. He demonstrated this concept and gave a lesson in companion and container gardening. Flyers were distributed to the community inviting them to attend.
- * "A God For All Nations" — A skit written by Ruth Lennox, BC Conference Women's Ministries Director, was presented on Women's Ministries Emphasis Sabbath. The skit told stories of four women who were not Israelites, but whose faith demonstrated God's love and acceptance of all peoples.
- * Mini Women's Retreat in October, 1997 — Kathy Jo Yergen, Alberta Conference Women's Ministries Director, spoke about "Getting Connected...The Power of Prayer." The 50 ladies who attended were nurtured, challenged, and blessed by what they heard.
- * Mini Women's Retreat — On October 2-3, 1998, Associate Pastor of Edmonton Central Church, Carolyn Macomber, was the guest speaker with the theme — "Over the Picket Fence - Reaching Out to Your Friends...A Call to Ministry."

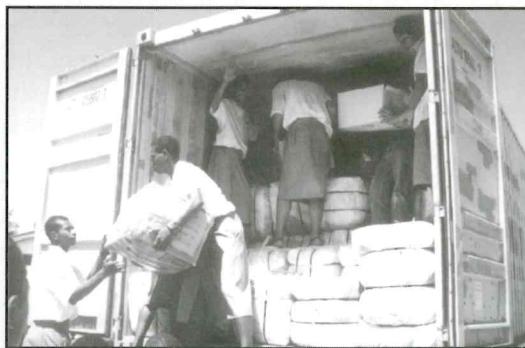
None of this could have happened without a committed, hard-working group of women, using the gifts God gave them for the edification of His people.

Marjory Black

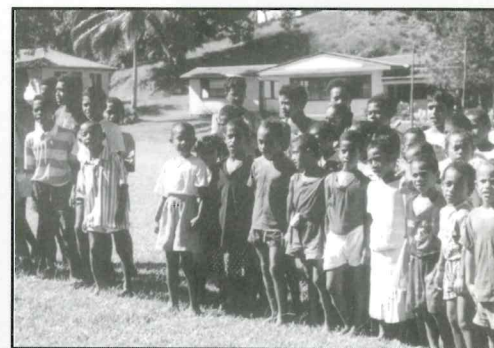
Mission Project in Fiji

Ray and Jackie Brosseuk of Revelstoke, BC, spent January-March, 1994 in Fiji setting up two sawmills and a bakery. Due to lack of funds the Fiji Mission has had to slowly shut down the beautiful boarding school at Vatuvanu which was once the pride of the South Pacific. Several faithful retired teachers and volunteers still run a small primary school and keep the school alive. They do this without funding and use their pension money to cover the school expenses. For the past four years, Ray and Jackie have sent yearly containers of clothing, bakery

equipment, and books for the schools each year. They are currently working to provide farm equipment to Fiji. If you are interested in more information, call 250-837-6444.



ADRA clothing being unloaded in 1997



Students at Vatuvanu

Prayer Ministries

Prayer has always been a very vital part of many individuals and churches in Alberta. More than ever, "Prayer—The Heartbeat of Life," Alberta Prayer Ministries, is funded and operated by lay people and is very much committed to providing prayer coverage for individuals, and corporate bodies. The primary purpose of this organization is "turn hearts toward home"—through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, to call people to an intimate relationship with God, to experience cleansing and revival as that of the "Upper Room," to provide oppor-

tunities and environment for nurture, training and fellowship with each other and to lead people to God through intercessory prayers, for CHRIST is our intercessor.

People enjoy good food, both spiritual and physical, fellowship with each other and the presence of the Holy Spirit during our annual prayer retreats. Lives are touched and transformed.

During the last few years, people were invited to come to Foothills Camp for prayer retreats but this year we decided to take the prayer retreats to the people:

Calgary Central

On September 11 and 12, Carol Zarska, American Cassette Ministries speaker, brought us truths from God's Word in simplicity and clarity. The theme for the weekend was "Breaking Down the Barriers." She spoke about how God longs for a cleansed people. Topics included, "What is the Latter Rain?—How Can We Recognize and Prepare to Receive it?" "Breaking the Tyranny of Criticism," "Pride—Satan's Counterfeit Power."

A beautiful candlelight agape supper with praise time was hosted by Don and Marlene Sinclair, Beiseker Church prayer leaders. The Prayer Team—Rita DaBreo, Celestine Bishop, Marlene and Don Sinclair, Arlene Arndt, Evangeline Medavarapu, Marjory Black and Viola Devnich truly witnessed the hand of the Lord provide to cover the costs of the Calgary retreat as no registration fee was charged.



Rita, Evangeline, Carol, Celestine



Olds

On August 7 and 8, the Olds Church hosted a conference-wide spiritual retreat with Carrol Johnson-Shewmake, SDA author of six books, and her husband, John Shewmake, retired pastor, from California. Topics included the judgment, worship, sanctuary secrets to personal prayer, hearing God's voice, prayer partner ministry, etc. Most evident was the marked presence of the Spirit of the Lord.

Edmonton West

On September 16, Wednesday evening, prayer leaders and intercessors and members of Edmonton West Church gathered together for a special prayer meeting with Carol Zarska. It was heart-warming to see so many come to hear her during mid-week.

Red Deer

Sixty people attended an Alberta-wide prayer retreat held on September 18-20, at the Holiday Inn, Red Deer. Comfortable beds, delightful food, relaxing conference room with comfortable chairs and round tables for five were added benefits. The theme for the weekend was "Learning To Communicate with God."

Once again, Carol Zarska brought to our minds the importance of praise and thanksgiving to God. Almost all prayers listed in Scripture starts with praise. On the contrary, Satan's counterfeit to praise is criticism. She emphasized the importance of placing ourselves in light with God in praise and thanksgiving rather than in darkness with Satan in negative criticism. Forty-five prayer leaders and intercessors attended the "The School of Prayer" on Sunday, when Carol presented a message from God on "Interceding With Power." The afternoon was spent in pastoral counseling in Red Deer.

It was truly amazing to watch God at work not only by the outpouring of His Spirit but to watch the recipients of His goodness "tip the Lord" to cover the weekend's bills. One lay member, single handedly, covered the cost of the guest speaker's honorarium for the Red Deer Retreat.

On Sunday, regional prayer coordinators and regional prayer councils were elected. An executive council of 13 was later formed.

A calendar of events outlining prayer events in 1999 in your area will be sent to you as a bulletin insert in December. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please call 318-3073 or write to "Prayer—The Heartbeat of Life," #1 4903 52nd Street, Lacombe, AB T4L 2G3.

Evangeline Medavarapu



Inspirational praise time led by Lauralyn Proud and Lucia Polishuk



Red Deer Retreat

Prayer Partner Ministry

At the initiative of a lay member, a prayer group was formed in the Onoway Church for the purpose of strengthening the spiritual walk of all church members. Secret prayer partners are praying for members of the church. A special table has been assigned in the foyer of the church on which the prayer partners place notes, cards or small gifts for members they have held in prayer during the past week. There is also a prayer box for prayer requests.

An immediate result has been a more pleasant atmosphere on Sabbath morning and finding out that, unbeknown to you, someone has prayed for you during the past week. It is hoped that as more and more members become involved in the secret prayer ministry, the unity and spirituality of the church will be brought to a new level.

Marius Zanea

Prayer for Net '98

Two hundred and forty-six people from seventeen churches in Alberta have committed to praying for Dr. Dwight Nelson and Net '98. Currently 32 sites in Alberta are participating in this world-wide evangelism thrust. If you would like to join intercessory prayer ministry or have prayer requests, please leave a message at 318-3073 or call Marlene Sinclair at 546-3110.

Prayer—The Heartbeat of Life

Executive Council

Evangeline Medavarapu, President; Marlene Sinclair, Secretary; Erna Straub, Treasurer; Rita DaBreo, Calgary Region; Janny Vlug, Central Region; Enid McLymont, Edmonton Region; Joan Elliott, SE Region; Marion Coppock, NE Region; NW Region leader (to be appointed in November); Don Sinclair, David Livingstone, Youth/Young Adult Coordinators; Pastor Eustace Williams, liaison, Pastor Andrew Chin, liaison.

Prayer Ministries Planning Meeting at Beiseker



On October 25th, regional prayer coordinators and intercessors of "Prayer—The Heartbeat of Life" met for fellowship and to plan for prayer events during the coming year.

Pictured are: Row 1: left to right: Brandon Lang, Jeremy Satnik;

Row 2: Don and Marlene Sinclair, Rita DaBreo, Christine Milton, Enid McLymont, Evangeline Medavarapu;

Row 3: Liz and Jack Birkett, Richard Ginn, Karl Rust, Janny Vlug, Bob and Shirley Carman.

Whom have You Blessed Today

Look for new and creative ways to minister to those for whom you are praying. Utilize small, as well as large, pockets of available time to bring joy and happiness to those who are around you, like the sister who brought life, color and beauty to the flower beds in front of the Conference office.



Living the Way We Pray

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed: "O Lord bless every one.
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again, when day was done,
I prayed: "O Lord, bless every one."
But, as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below."
And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;
Let me but live another day
And I will live the way I pray."

Institute of Christian Service

It is inspiring to note that many of the graduates from the "Institute of Christian Service" in the early 1990's are in active service for the Lord in many of our churches in Alberta. See if you can identify any one from your church!



Health Ministries

Vegetarian Nutrition Classes

Vegetarian Nutrition Classes were held at the Sherwood Park Church February 24-25 and March 3-4. Lillian Kozachenko presented the program and demonstrated a full-course vegetarian meal each night. The 30 who attended the classes really enjoyed the vegetarian food sampling, education health videos, an explanation of the nutritional value of the food, and recipes were also given out for the foods demonstrated each night. The church ladies helped a lot with the food preparation for the classes. Everyone had a good time in tasting good vegetarian food, and learning about a different and healthier lifestyle, which proved a success in the community.

Lloyd Powell

CUC Lifestyles and Weight-Loss Course Changes Habits

For the past seven years, Ron Schafer, chair of the Department of Physical Education at CUC, has conducted a Lifestyles and Weight-Loss course for the community as part of CUC's "Don't Hibernate" course offerings. Offered in the fall and spring, this course has informed about 100 local residents of the vegetarian diet option and how they can build healthful living and exercise into an enjoyable, long-term lifestyle.

Lorrie Maciejowski, who took the course, comments of the way in which Schafer conducted the course that, "He inspired me every Wednesday night to get fit and stay fit. I really needed the reinforcement!" At least two participants from Ponoka advised staff that after taking the course, they were going to adopt a vegetarian lifestyle.

Lynn McDowell

CUC Vegetarian Cooking Classes Bring Practical Health to Hundreds

Since about 1990, CUC has offered a vegetarian cooking class twice a year. Usually taught by Diana Hernandez, an average of 12 people attend each series, and are divided into groups and given recipes to try during the class. While the entrees are in the oven, a health lecture is given. About 200 local residents have taken the class, which continues to be a popular staple of CUC's "Don't Hibernate" community education offerings.

Lynn McDowell

Family Ministries

The Alberta SDA Marriage Encounter team has worked hard to bring our presentations for the weekends up-to-date with Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Alberta couples — take a fresh look at your marriage and come attend a weekend! If you missed the October weekend, plan for February, 1999.

Millions of couples have already discovered: that effective communication leads to enhanced romance; that strengthening the marriage enriches the entire family; that a lifetime of commitment can be filled with joy; that marriage is an exciting and fulfilling journey; that a husband and wife can be best friends; and that preventive maintenance makes great sense!

Norman & Carmen Manweiler, Alberta ME Pastoral Couple, International SDA ME Pastoral Couple & SDA Clergy Reps on Interfaith Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



ASI Convention

The 51st Annual International Convention for ASI (Adventist-Laymen Services and Industries) was held on August 5-8 in one of the hottest places in North America, Palm Springs, CA. The warm weather did not scorch the enthusiasm of the nearly 1200 registrants and guests who gave 3.8 million dollars to world-wide projects.

Messages and seminars were presented by Russell Burrill, NAD Evangelism Director; Alberta's own Gerald Chipeur; and Mark Finley, It Is Written, etc. Steve Darmody and Christian Edition, along with many others, provided inspiring music.

The "Members in Action" sharing time was most invigorating. The ASI motto, "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace," was exemplified in the testimonies of construction workers, tennis court owners, bakers, farmers and others who told how they are witnessing for Christ in their businesses.

ASI here in Alberta can include everyone. It is our dream to see local chapters throughout Alberta, giving support to each other as we share Christ in our own marketplace.

For information, ideas, or to make application to become a member, call Dale or Patsy Trefz @384-2183; e-mail dhtrefz@telusplanet.net

Dale and Patsy Trefz

Native Ministries

Answering the call to ministry, Dean Dokkie accepted the position of taskforce worker for the Gleichen Company and the Morley area. Dean was born and raised in Chetwynd, BC. He came to Alberta from Vancouver where he was working in construction. Dean is multi-talented and also has a music ministry called "All Tribes Music," which he has been developing over the last couple of years.

Since coming to Alberta he has been actively involved in several areas of our Native Ministry program. He presently sits on the Mamawi Atosketan School board as an advisor; he is scheduled to do a music concert at the Ft. Vermilion Church for Net '98 and will be conducting the Week of Prayer at the Mamawi Atosketan School.

Welcome aboard, Dean, and may the Lord continue to bless your service!

Linda Calderbank



Volunteer Ministries Coordinators

One of the great discoveries which was widely proclaimed during the reformation was the doctrine of "The Priesthood of All Believers." In that "good-news discovery," men and women recognized the New Testament teaching that each one of us is invited to come directly into God's presence to seek His mercy and forgiveness and salvation. But the good news doesn't end there; God also calls each one of us to minister on His behalf. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:"

As we are growing here in Alberta in our understanding of the ministry that God has called every believer to perform, we are seeing more and more of our members who recognize the gifts that God has given them to share with His church. These gifts usually result in service to their local congregation. However, frequently we discover local church leaders (whether pastors or lay persons) who have skills and experience that can benefit all of the churches in the conference. That is a real blessing because as the staff in the office has decreased over the years, the number of responsibilities placed upon those remaining has greatly increased. That means, of course, that often little can be done for some of the areas of assignment. Besides, sometimes the amount of experience we have in a particular assigned area is quite limited.

The solution? You got it! Why not allow local church leaders, whose skills and experience would be a blessing to many churches, have an opportunity to volunteer their assistance? Below you will find a list of individuals who are willing to share their counsel and experience with other churches as time allows. They, of course, have other responsibilities but they have volunteered to make themselves available. When your church is looking for information or resources in their specific areas just give them a call. They are our official "experts" who will do what they can to serve you. (By the way, we are still looking for volunteers in the area of Sabbath School, Children's Ministries and Disaster Response. If you would like to volunteer contact the Conference Office.)

ADRA/Community Services	Victor Schulz	476-0665
Adventurer Ministries	Ruth Riffin	782-6769
Deaf Ministries	John Blake	782-4255
Family Life Ministries	Werner Seidel	947-2686
Health Ministries	Jim Burgess	464-6393
Native Ministries	Linda Calderbank	347-9351
Pathfinders Ministries	Carol Morton	782-4438
Prison Ministries	Marcel Corbel	526-7759
Public Affairs & Religious Liberty	Gerry Chipeur	268-6861
Women's Ministries	Kathy Yergen	782-6146

Dale Kongorski

Ministry on Campus - Continued from page 1

SDA young adults, likely uncomfortable in a spiritual setting, chose to attend the function and thoroughly enjoyed the social interaction. CA exists to provide a social network for those on campus who need such an environment.

4. Christ: CA's goal is to portray Christ in every aspect of planning and functioning - in such a way that others will discover our uniqueness and will desire to know why!
5. Emotional: With such an energetic and enthusiastic group of students, CA exists to provide emotional support to students drowning in the overwhelming whirlpool of academic life. We endeavour to make this support system available seven days a week.
6. Spiritual: Last, but certainly not least, CA strives to meet the spiritual needs of young adults in today's largely agnostic society by answering questions relative to the day-to-day struggle we all face. Through weekly meetings designed to answer these questions, with a variety of guest speakers and/or sessions led out by the

students themselves, CA provides the mid-week spiritual boost many of us need. CA is hosting Net '98 on campus this year - a first for CA and the university. These functions, along with two or three yearly weekend retreats/rallies, will open many doors which have been previously closed and exist as an avenue by which our logo may become a reality: "Reach One, Through Grace!"

In the centre of our pyramidal emblem, reflecting into a spectrum the Latin term for Christianity - PISCES - is Christ, our foundation and reason for existing. It is only through His guidance, and direction that our Campus Advent group will be able to function as His hands, His voice, His eyes, His ears, and His feet on the university campus. We humbly ask for your continued prayers and support of this ministry.

Christine Zinner e-mail camadv@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca



Wholesome Christian entertainment at our yearly CA banquet



Our yearly Campus Advent banquet, including several non-SDA young people

Looking Back

Baptisms

Edmonton Central Youth Witness to Youth

On Sabbath May 30, 1998, four young people, Sterling Wuzinski, Jessica Lindberg, Raquel Cordeiro and Rachelle Kay were baptized in Edmonton Central Church.

Sterling and Jessica were contacted at their work place by Shirleen Skoretz and Peter Turner of Central's

College and Career Young People's Group. These contacts led to invitations to sing in the youth choir and to take Bible studies which led to their baptisms by Pastors Kay and Macomber.

Raquel Cordeiro was born and raised in Edmonton and attends the Edmonton Central Church with her family.

Rachelle Kay, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Warren Kay, is an active participant in church activities and was baptized by her father.

Associate Pastor Carolyn Macomber studied and baptized Jessica. She describes her first baptismal experience as awesome.

Music for the baptism was supplied by the Youth Choir, soloist, Peter Turner, and flutist, Candice Bell.

Art Cooper



Pastor Kay, Sterling Wuzinski, Carolyn Macomber, Jessica Lindberg, Raquel Cordeiro & Rachelle Kay



Edmonton Central Youth Choir which performed for the baptism of their friends.



Sherwood Park Church

*June 27-
Pastor Jim Burgess,
Joel & Alicia Martynuik*

One-day Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, Aug. 11, the Beiseker Church hosted a one-day camp-style Vacation Bible School. The theme was Joseph and his brothers. This was an experiment to see if there is a better way to present V.B.S. to our community with limited resources. Of the 25 who attended, 18 were not Seventh-day Adventists children.

Geri Seidel

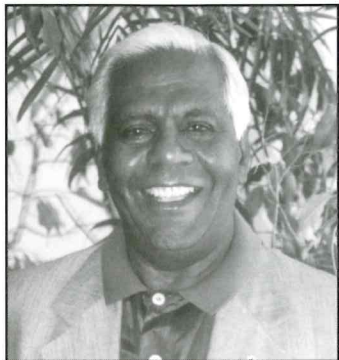


"God is well pleased when His children make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises."

Desire of Ages, p.668.

Robinson Koilpillai Added to Edmonton's Cultural Hall of Fame

Robinson Koilpillai of Edmonton Central Church was honored at the City of Edmonton's 47th Annual Salute of Excellence Awards held on June 11, 1998 at the Winspear Centre. For forty-two years and on three continents, Robinson has worked with other teachers, administrators, students, their parents and the community to ensure a climate of tolerance and understanding and programs of citizenship values, attitudes and skills. He has worked with the Provincial and Federal Governments in multiculturalism and human rights. He has also assisted in various projects internationally in Sri Lanka, Nepal, Ethiopia, India and Chile.



Robinson has received other recognition including the prestigious Order of Canada Award in 1996. The Edmonton Central family congratulates Robinson for his great achievements.

Art Cooper

Red Deer Church Campout A Hit!

The first annual campout for the Red Deer Church, September 11-13, was a definite success!

It was held at the Prairie Creek Group Camp just southwest of Rocky Mountain House.

The mountain setting was beautiful and the weather was superb! The festivities began on Friday evening with a homemade soup supper and vespers around the campfire. Approximately 30 people camped in tents, trailers, vans and campers.

Sabbath was a warm and beautiful day with a unique wilderness church service attended by 55 people. A delicious and plentiful potluck lunch followed the service and the afternoon was spent fellowshiping at Ram River Falls and hiking in the serene woods. The highlight of the day was Pastor Ian's inspiring message on the Lord's Prayer.

The "good times were already rolling" by the time the evening campfire was lit and we were treated to some excellent guitar picking, beautiful singing and great story telling. Sunday morning there was a pancake breakfast—cowboy style—cooked over the campfire! After worship, most of the group left for home while some stayed by for a four and one-half hour hike up a mountain.

Because of all the memories, fun and good food, the same camp has already been reserved for August 27-29, 1999. See you there!

Elke Holly



Sherwood Park Care Center

The construction of the new 28-bed addition at the Sherwood Park Care Center is almost complete. The facility will now offer 52 private and 24 semi-private rooms.

Laurie Dunfield

Grieser's 50th Anniversary

Ilse and Kurt Grieser were married on July 17, 1948 at Pforzheim, Germany. They hosted a dinner



and a program for family and friends at the Highlands Golf Club in Edmonton on July 17, 1998. They immigrated to Canada in May of 1964 and upon arrival

joined the Edmonton Central Church family where they have taken leading roles in church activities and were choir members for 30 years. They have one daughter, Gabriel of Denver, and three grandchildren all of whom were present at the celebration.

Art Cooper

Looking Forward

When Disaster Strikes...Don't be caught off guard! A great opportunity to train your members and volunteers is coming soon to your city!

A Professional Three-Day Disaster Response Training Workshop

Presenter: Nadia Bettencourt, ADRA Canada

November 20 - 22, 1998

Edmonton Central Church, 10131-111 Avenue, Edmonton

February 12-14, 1999

Bridgeland Church, 48 - 12 Street NE, Calgary

Fee: \$70 (Includes 3 days breakfast, lunch & supper, Accommodation is extra)

\$25 (meals and accommodation not included)

Call Holiday Inn at 1-800-661-5193 for a special "Adventist" rate - \$72.00/per night per room plus taxes (\$80.64 net price per room per night—no meals included). Share a room and divide the cost of accommodation, a maximum of four per room. Meals will be served at workshop location for those who ordered meals. **Registration Deadline: November 10 for Edmonton; February 2 for Calgary. Call Evangeline at 342-5044, ext. 210.**

9 Principles for Success

How You Can Hit Full Stride

1. HAVE A DREAM
— create a vision for the future
2. DEVELOP A PLAN
— organize your thinking
3. CONTROL YOUR FOCUS
— don't do too many things at once
4. TAKE PERSONAL INITIATIVE
— act as if it all depends on you
5. PRACTICE SELF-DISCIPLINE
— don't be distracted, stay on target
6. LEARN TO BUDGET
— put your time, energy and money behind your plan
7. EVIDENCE ENTHUSIASM
— it's contagious
8. ENJOY YOURSELF
— laughter is healing
9. GO FOR IT!
— keep the faith no matter what. — *Ian Percy*

Dateline

- November 17 Regional Management Meeting, 6 pm, Taber
18 Regional Management Meeting, 7 pm, Vegreville
20-22 Disaster Response Training Workshop,
Edmonton Central
- December 1 PREACH Seminar, Edmonton
1 Regional Management Team Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Lacombe Comm.
2 PREACH Seminar, Red Deer
2 Regional Management Team Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Calgary Central
3 PREACH Seminar, Calgary
9 Regional Management Team Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Sherwood Park
10 Regional Management Team Meeting, 6:00 pm,
Peoria-Smoky
13 Financial Statistical Review Committee, Red Deer
28-31 OFFICE CLOSED (Christmas, Boxing Day,
New Year's Day)
- January 8-11 1999 Pastor's Meetings, Foothills Camp
17 Volunteer Ministry Coordinator's Meeting,
2:00 p.m., Conf. office
- February 2 Regional Management Team Meeting, South East
10 Regional Management Team Meeting, North East
12-14 Marriage Encounter, Holiday Inn, Red Deer
12-14 Disaster Response Training Workshop,
Bridgeland Church, Calgary
15 Family Day - Office Closed
17 Regional Management Team Meeting, Central
19-21 Women's Retreat, Red Deer
24 Regional Management Team Meeting, Calgary

Editorial



“One Sunday morning, three men crawled into the cockpit of a strange-looking spaceship which was strapped to a giant rocket at Cape Kennedy, Florida. As the entire free world watched in fascination, the countdown for Spaceship Columbia began. Never before had a spaceship taken off from earth, orbited the globe, and returned. It took an awful lot of power to make it happen.

The rocket itself was 184 feet tall. It weighed four-and-one-half million pounds. It carried a half million gallons of fuel. It generated five million pounds of thrust—enough power to push the spaceship to the altitude of 23 miles in two minutes.

“After the initial take-off, Columbia climbed to the altitude of 189 miles and circled the globe at 17,000 miles per hour. Altogether it made 113 orbits in seven days. It was one of the greatest displays of power the world had ever seen.” *Power for the Living.*

A far greater propelling power beyond human invention or comprehension is available to us if we take time to wait upon Him. “*He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength...those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles.*” *Isaiah 40:29, 31.*

Whatever avenue we choose to express our love to God, at the foundation of any ministry or service is the “communication line” between us and our God, just like Jesus had with His Father. This is the key to success for any individual or corporate ministry.

He takes our feeble human efforts and our earnest intercessory prayers and connects us to the heavenly power house to spread His love and to lead people to God. Isn't it the ultimate goal of any ministry?

If we make Him the center of our life, He will bring meaning and purpose to our shattered dreams, restoration to our broken relationships, health and healing to our fragmented marriages, cleansing and purification from our evil ways and rebuild in us the image of God and crown us with eternal life. Be not controlled by the cares, worries, and fears of this world. Wait upon the Lord. Be ye filled...and be fruitful.

*Evangeline Medavarapu,
Managing Editor*