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of Grace

I became a servant of this gospel
by the gift of God's grace given me
through the working of his power.

Ephesians 3:7 (NIV)

I'm Proud to be an Adventist

In the early 1980's Adventist pastors from the Greater Edmonton churches applied for membership to the evangelical interdenominational ministerial association. The request was denied on the premise that Adventism is a cult. The Adventist pastors arranged an information session with the interdenominational association, inviting Canadian Union College's (now Burman University) theology chair as the chief presenter. The masterful presentation provoked much discussion, and though many indicated they now saw Seventh-day Adventists in a new light, they still upheld their original decision.

Although the details of the presentation are now vague to me, I felt a sense of pride for who we are—not boastful or “better than you” pride, but grateful for our openness, transparency, theological soundness, and intentional organization. We have nothing to be ashamed of. So let me reflect with you on some reasons why I'm proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist. Certainly we are not infallible, but in the big picture I believe God designed this organization for a special purpose.

I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist because we are doctrinally sound. Our teachings are solidly Bible based with no contradictions from one fundamental truth to another. Although categorized by topics, they form a continuum as in a 28-link chain.

For example, salvation by grace alone through faith does not contradict the need to keep the 10 commandments in spirit and by letter. Our understanding of the state of the dead harmonizes perfectly with the investigative judgement, the second coming of Jesus, the destruction of sin at the end of time and our heavenly home. Every teaching is a piece in a puzzle to form a complete picture.

I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist because our history is firmly

rooted in Bible prophecy. The book of Revelation identifies the characteristics of the Adventist Church, as well as the time and location of its appearance. By God's design the reformation movements rediscovered truth after truth, yet Revelation 12-14 describes what God's final movement would look like. Even with its imperfections, it is still God's organization to take the final message of hope to the world.

I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist because we have the Spirit of Prophecy. Some other denominations claim the same, but Adventists can confidently say Ellen White meets all the Bible tests of a prophet (or messenger of the Lord as she called herself). Most significantly, all teaching is Bible based and only Spirit of Prophecy confirmed. There is no contradiction between the writings of Scripture and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Ellen White repeatedly emphasized the Bible as our only rule of faith and practise and that her work merely pointed to the Bible and the Christ of the Bible.

I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist because of how we started. The driving force was a sincere desire to know truth. With deep earnestness our pioneers set aside preconceived opinions and compared Scripture with Scripture, allowing Scripture to interpret itself. Only after they came to a correct understanding did Ellen White receive her vision confirming their conclusions.

I am proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist because we have a divinely appointed mission: to share the good news of hope and wholeness, that Jesus is coming again and invite people everywhere to accept Him and become His followers. The Adventist Church has identified seven ways through which it can accomplish this mission.

- a. A humanitarian work such as ADRA, A Better World, Community Services, etc.
- b. An education system such as Adventist Christian K-12 academies, colleges and universities
- c. Medical missionary programs such as medical clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities and medical training centres
- d. Media programing utilizing modern technology
- e. Publishing associations producing printed material
- f. Missionary outreach using short-term and long-term services
- g. Evangelism, both public and personal

I'm sure I could find many more reasons to be proud, but perhaps this is a start for reflection. Acts of the Apostles, page 12 says, “...the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theatre of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts.” Seventh-day Adventism is a heritage of which I am “proud.” I hope you are too.

In the previous issue of AAN, Pastor Wiebe indicated he would give a summary of the conclusions reached at the e-huddle symposium in Florida. That report has not yet been released.



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Responding to the Fort McMurray Wildfires

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Developing a Purposeful Online Presence for Churches and Schools

A very real challenge facing Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools and organizations today is how to communicate effectively in a digital society. A well-organized online presence doesn't just happen. Churches/schools need to get serious about what they are communicating (whether intentionally or unintentionally) and develop a communication plan that works. (A good resource to help you get started is called *Curb Appeal*, produced by the NAD office of Communication)

As Seventh-day Adventists, we have an important message to communicate to a dying world. A distinctive Christ centred message of hope and wholeness. It's not only a good idea, it's our responsibility as Christians. The reality is that we oftentimes have a difficult time communicating this message not because we're not willing but because we don't know or understand how to communicate effectively. Here are some

points to consider about developing a purposeful online presence for churches and schools that I've learned over the years.

Identify Your Purpose for Existence—Your Vision

The first step in any effective communication, whether it be online or not, is to identify the purpose for your existence—your vision. This ultimately means clarifying who you are as a church/school, why you do the things you do, and where you're headed. For example, when I pastored at the Kelowna Adventist Church, we met as a board three or four times over several months to specifically identify a five-year vision for the church and to come up with a statement of purpose that was consistently repeated week after week which stated, "Sharing the Christ Who Cares." What we were saying was that the Kelowna Seventh-day Adventist Church existed for this primary purpose. Everything we did

as a church, whether it was Cooking Schools, CHIP programs, computer classes, preaching or social events, was focused around this purpose for existence.

Develop a Communication Plan

Once you've identified your purpose for existence, the next thing you should do is develop a communication plan which helps determine what, when and how you will be communicating. While a communication plan involves numerous stages and forms of communication, for the purpose of this article I will be exclusively focusing on aspects that relate to online communication.

As part of a communication plan, identify your "brand" by developing key organizational message points (see below for examples) and a visual identity (through logos, graphics, banners, etc.). Your organization will start to become recognizable to individuals through the brand you consistently put out there.



Appoint someone responsible with the role of following through with the communication plan. Other parts of a communication plan should include: what needs to be communicated, who the target audience is, how often communication happens, the communication medium, and ways of measuring results.

Using Social Media

In today's always "connected" culture of social media, mobile devices and lightning fast Internet, more and more people are relying on the always-on, always-connected attribute of the Internet to connect, find, and share. In fact, research is finding that the Internet is more than a technology, it has become an extension of our brains.

This reminds me of a Bible text found in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

The Internet has become a place to bond and belong. If that's where today's society is at, if that's where people are going to Ask, Seek and Knock, then we must find ways to connect and provide the information that will Lead them to Jesus.

Learning to use social media to communicate your message well is a

must in order to have an effective online presence. Remember, your organization's reputation hinges on the message being communicated online. Things that are said and shared on social media can never be taken back. It's also a good idea to create a social media policy for identifying guidelines that apply to the organization's online communication such as who is permitted to communicate on behalf of the organization. It's important to have a consistent message across all forms of communication.

Domain Names

Domain names are extremely important to the accessibility of your website and brand of any organization. A good domain name gives your organization credibility. The SDACC and NAD has been encouraging conferences to replace "sda" from domain names with "adventist" for approximately 8-10 years now because "sda" is generally misunderstood by non-Adventists and does not rank well in search engines in connection with Seventh-day Adventist key terms. Several Canadian Conferences have purchased "adventist.ca" domain names for each of their churches for consistency, better web presence and overall representation. For example, airdrieadventist.ca and gardenroadadventist.ca. And since the .CA domain represents a Canadian entity, a .CA domain name will rank higher in Canadian search results. Purchasing a relevant .CA domain name for your church or school is an important step in developing a purposeful online presence and building a more credible brand online.

Websites and Content

Did you know that in 1995 there were approximately 18,000 websites available online and today there are over 1 billion? (www.internetlivestats.com)

It's true that if your church or school is not on the Internet, to most people you don't exist. This is a fact the Seventh-day Adventist Church communication and media departments have been aware of and addressing for many years already. That is why in 2005, the North American Division (NAD) decided to offer every church and school in

the NAD a powerful and easy to use, mobile friendly website management system, free of charge, called Adventist Church and School Connect. According to the ACC website, the purpose and goal of providing this technology back in 2005 was (and still is) to encourage Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools in North America to use the Internet to reach their communities.

The North American Division has contracted AdventSource to provide customer training, support, and marketing for Adventist Church and School Connect for the approximately 3600 church and school websites.

Many people are intimidated by the word "website" because it has gained a reputation from the past as being a complicated and highly technical procedure. Well, that is not the case anymore. With ACC's content management system, you don't have to know a website programming language like html or php to add content and photos to your website. You can edit pages as you would in a word processor similar to Microsoft Word.

When writing content for your website, proof read the final draft for spelling mistakes (double check names and places), grammatical errors, and incorrect dates before submitting. Avoid clichés ("10 precious souls attended our meeting," "the watery grave of baptism") and Adventist jargon ("Our Worship Services are every Sabbath," Three Angel's Message, Sabbath School). Also, when shortening our denominational name, call us Adventists rather than SDAs. To the public, many of the Adventist terms and abbreviations we use are miss understood or not understood at all. Reread and then re-reread everything you write, removing every unnecessary word (less is better). And, out of respect and love for all our members, please be culturally sensitive.

One more thing to keep in mind about websites is that they now need to be mobile friendly in order to be properly loaded and viewed on the growing number of mobile devices. In Canada alone it is estimated that two thirds of Canadians own a smartphone. That is approximately 20 million people. Mobile is huge.



Final Thoughts

I want to add a few final thoughts about developing a purposeful online presence before I conclude. I feel that we as a North American Division are falling short in a few areas relating to our online presence and that we could do more to improve. One of the areas is more consistent Adventist branding across all our institution's websites and social media. I wish we all had a similar and recognizable format for domain names, logos, websites (not everyone is using Adventist Church and School Connect), social media platforms, and signage, just to mention a few. Maybe an organized effort from the NAD to provide regular content (videos, graphics, message points) and links that can be easily and quickly shared across website and social media would help.

Conclusion

To conclude, I am reminded of a Bible text that says in 1 Chronicles 12:32, "from Issachar, men who understood the times and know what Israel should do..." I think this Bible text is very relevant to us today because the more we can understand about online communication technologies and the digital society we

live in, the more effective we can be today and the more prepared we are for the future. Remember, you're not alone when trying to figure all this digital confusion out. If you have questions, please contact me at the Alberta Conference or you can contact the Adventist Church/School Connect office. Together we can more effectively tell the world about Jesus.

This article was originally written for the SDACC and will appear as a three-part series in the Canadian Messenger.



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Resources:

Curb Appeal, produced by the NAD office of Communication.

NAD office of Communication four book series:

Mobile Ministry by Joel J. Sam and Jason Alexis, *Crisis Boot Camp* by Celeste Ryan Blyden, *Media Outreach* by George Johnson, Jr., *Social Media* by Jason Caston

ACC sign up page:

www.adventistschoolconnect.org/article/11/sign-up

ACC help page:

www.help.adventistchurchconnect.com

Example1:

Key organizational message point about the Seventh-day Adventist Church:

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a mainstream, protestant denomination with nearly 20 million members worldwide. We are Bible-believing Christians who base our faith, hope and future in Jesus Christ. Our name comes from our belief in worshipping on the biblical seventh day of the week and our belief that Christ will return as promised in His Holy Word.

Example2:

Key organizational message point for the Alberta Conference:

The Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church coordinates the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout Alberta and the Northwest Territories, where every Saturday, more than 11,200 members gather for worship in more than 75 congregations. We operate ten elementary and secondary schools and numerous community-based ministries.



Responding to the Fort McMurray Wildfires

I'm not really fond of flying. I get sweaty palms, my heart beats fast, and I can't look out the window. Flying is not my favourite activity. However, on this particular flight, I had no thoughts or prayers to spare for the plane. I was fully focused on what awaited after landing: the "Beast."

The Fort McMurray fire, dubbed the Beast, had already forced more than 88,000 people from their homes. It was (and still is) an inferno of epic proportions. I was heading to Edmonton a mere three days after the evacuation was ordered. I was going to assist in the emergency response to the evacuees. Having booked my ticket a month in advance, my original intent had not been disaster response. But God has His own timing and His own purpose. He placed me in the right place at the right time to witness, and participate in, an unforgettable outpouring of love from our church to those in need. It is my honour to share with you what I saw.

Within hours of landing, I headed to the Air Canada cargo warehouse to rendezvous with Lyle Notice of the Alberta Conference, the disaster trailer, and volunteers. Our task was to unload a shipment of hygiene supplies packed by ADRA Canada's partner, Global Medic, and shipped for free by Air Canada. After loading the trailer,

ADRA Canada, the Alberta Conference ACS and volunteers load the disaster response trailer with 2000 care kits, water and sleeping bags for evacuees and distribute them at the Edmonton Northlands Reception Centre.



we then proceeded to the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The church was a beehive of activity. It was a work day, and a school day, and yet the church buzzed with volunteers of all ages. A line of energetic helpers loaded boxes onto the trailer. Others were on stand-by to help unload vehicles as donations from the community were dropped off. Inside the sanctuary, an assembly line packaged individual hygiene kits according to gender needs. Each kit was caringly labelled, "Made with love by the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The lobby was a reception and sorting arena. Clothes, baby supplies, bedding, food, and hygiene items all had their proper place.

This crew of volunteers was mobilized by Pastor John Murley and the church board as soon as they heard of the evacuation. The volunteers' days were over 12 hours long. Their work was physically demanding. Their smiles were contagious. The joy of service emanated from each of them. Each volunteer passionately sought to treat each evacuee with respect, compassion, and dignity. The understanding was, treat each person as though he or she was Jesus. This resolve was evident in each interaction.

In addition to being a donations collection and distribution centre, the Edmonton South church also hosted three families in its basement, providing all their meals. They arranged for 15 other families to find shelter in the homes of church members. The Edmonton South church was not the only Adventist church to dive into the emergency response. Others also provided shelter, took up donations, and volunteered to assist with shipments.

Once the trailer was laden with much needed supplies, it eased onto the road toward Northlands Coliseum. This substantial structure was being used as an evacuee reception centre. At the time of this shipment, over 1,000 people were housed in Northlands as a temporary shelter. Cots filled vast rooms ordinarily

used for exhibitions. The load of supplies was a welcome relief. This was not the first nor the last of shipments to Northlands.

Northlands was not the only evacuation centre supplied by the disaster trailer. A small crew of volunteers loaded the trailer on a week night to drive the two and a half hours north to Lac la Biche. The Bold Centre was temporary home to roughly 350 people. In spite of a significant delay due to repairs to the truck, the volunteers still insisted on taking the supplies north. The driver himself was perhaps the most adamant, in spite of needing to be up with the cows the next morning (literally, he's a farmer).

As of my last day assisting with the response, operations at the Edmonton South church had serviced 178 families, 43 of which were Seventh-day Adventists. They had made multiple runs to the airport, Northlands, and even as far north as Lac la Biche. They supplied clothing, bedding, baby supplies, shoes, school supplies, food, and hygiene items. The totals of items collected, sourced, and distributed to centres and through the church number in the hundreds and thousands. Some of these supplies were in part donated by Proctor and Gamble, Colgate, United Way, and Sherwood Care.

It is now over a week since I was relieved by my colleagues in Edmonton. The work has by no means ceased. In fact, operations are expanding greatly.

As I flew home after ten days of assisting with the emergency response, I once again had no spare thought for fears. My heart was too full of all the service I had witnessed by loving and dedicated volunteers. My mind was too busy praying for the continued response as it prepared to grow. May God continue to bless and lead this truly Adventist response to this disaster right here at home. May His character and His care for each individual be made evident through our actions.

—Heather Grbic, Church Relations Coordinator, ADRA Canada

A Choice of Robes

Isaiah 58:

6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread
with the hungry,

And that you bring to your house
the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked,
that you cover him,
And not hide yourself
from your own flesh?

Have you ever been in a situation where you have been attacked, falsely accused or have just fallen short of what God has laid out for your life? If so, you most certainly are not alone! In those times, we often find it is easy to try and protect and preserve ourselves. You see, we have been doing this right from the beginning of time. In fact, as soon as Adam and Eve fell, they tried to hide their nakedness by creating their own garments. That involved trying to cover their nakedness by accusing and blaming one another. Ellen White wrote in, *From Eternity Past*, "Self-justification was indulged by our first parents as soon as they yielded to the influence of Satan and has been exhibited by all the sons and daughters of Adam." What was God's solution to this? He allowed His Son to humble himself before humanity and all creation. He allowed us to accuse and attack Him and put Him to

death so He could provide for us what we could not provide for ourselves, a covering to hide our nakedness. And this covering was to restore us to God's kingdom for eternity.

What change does this make for you and me? It means we no longer need to clothe ourselves with self-justification but simply cling to the promise that the garment has already been provided for us. Is this easy? No, it isn't. In fact, when someone accuses us of a wrong or we hear negative feedback, many times our first impulse is to justify ourselves and our views. This is often done by attacking or exposing someone else, be it their views or maybe even an institution they are associated with. It goes against our very nature to deny ourselves and follow Christ. When I read Isaiah 58: 6-7 (above), I see the life of Christ. I see it in the story of the prodigal son. The father did not worry about his own reputation, but that of his wayward son, when he rushed out to cover his nakedness with his very own robe. I see it with the woman caught in adultery where Jesus' concern was for her and not himself. I especially see it at the cross when, though innocent, He submitted to unspeakable treatment and death rather than defend himself so that He may reconcile you and I back to God once again. In addition, this ministry of reconciliation is given to us to share with our community and to the whole world.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

King James Version (KJV)

17 Therefore if any man be in

Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

This is Good News!!!

In summary, I ask myself, how do I respond in my daily life? Is my burden to reach out and help cover the nakedness of others around me as Noah's sons Shem and Japheth did with their father? Alternatively, am I a son like Ham, who openly exposes his father's nakedness (Genesis 9)? The one thing I know and am sure of, is that I need Jesus constantly, daily, moment by moment. I need to eat, breathe and drink His life so that I am full of His life and not my own. In humility, resting and trusting that it is His robe I need and not my own.



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What's it Mean to You?

“This school is God's project.”

Judy Gimbel, Gimbel Eye Centre
Calgary, Alberta



Judy and Howard Gimbel have been partners for a long time—with each other, and with God. The Gimbels know that God has to be part of the equation for good things to happen: Howard combines the most promising techniques with his faith, offering to pray with the patient before surgery. Judy and Howard know they are ordinary people with unusual opportunity to serve.

Howard and Judy love young people in a very special way. When they saw Total Praise, the sign language group from Mamawi Atosketan Native School, perform at Alberta Camp Meeting, Judy knew that God was definitely part of the equation at Canada's only mission school.

“The Holy Spirit was in that room,” Judy says with conviction. “This school is God's project. It's God's gift to Alberta.”

Later, when Judy talked with her grandson about his work as a bush pilot, that conviction came into sharp focus. The hardest thing he does, the young man told his grandmother, is to fly teenage suicide victims out of the aboriginal communities. When they envision their future, it's too dark to endure. “They have no hope,” he said.

Judy knew then that she and Howard would support Mamawi Atosketan's Bridge Campaign to build a high school—a beacon of hope and safety at a time when many youth of Maskwacis begin to spiral down. The difference is dramatic: On what's reputed to be the toughest reserve in Canada where suicide is rife, not one attending student at MANS has taken their own life.

The Gimbels want more Maskwacis youth to see themselves and their life through Heaven's eyes. They are fanning the flame of hope.

“Giving a child a chance to be a servant of God and bless others is fantastic,” says Judy. A little light, they know, can make all the difference.



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Transcend: Moving to the Next Level with Jesus

The Canadian Adventist Youth Summit, held every second year, took place at Burman University on May 11-15, 2016. Nearly 400 youth and young adults attended from across Canada. Everyone was housed in the Lakeview Hall Dormitory and ate at the Burman cafeteria, arranged by the Marketing and Enrollment Department. The main speaker, Pastor Jeremy Anderson, spoke on the theme of Transcend—moving to the next level with Jesus. Many small group breakout topics were spread throughout the event and included thought provoking discussions.

On the first day of the event, busses arrived early in the morning to bring everyone to Banff National Park for the day. Attendees enjoyed the beautiful views while shopping, riding the Gondola, soaking in the Banff Hot Springs, and hiking trails. In the evening, we were blessed with a message from Pastor Massiel Davila-Ferrer.

The next day, after our morning worship, four busses were outside of the gym to bring participants to four different

service project locations. The Red Deer group, with Pastor Moises Ruiz, picked up garbage in a downtown park and did random acts of kindness for people walking the streets. The Edmonton South group, with Pastor Anthony Kern, collected food for the National Food Bank. The Edmonton Mill Woods group, with Pastor Ian Bramble, worked with the Edmonton Food Bank and did a prayer walk. The last group encountered urban ministries in downtown Edmonton with Pastor Lyle Notice. Everyone came back blessed, having served others.

Friday evening something great began to happen that changed the entire focus of the youth summit. I saw young people involved deeply in worship, more than ever before. I witnessed the Holy Spirit working like I've never experienced before. I began to watch the young people respond to the calling of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Anderson said, "We are the Joshua Generation; God is calling us to enter the Promised Land! Don't be afraid!"

I began to see a group of young people yearning for a deeper relationship with Christ, unafraid to commit to His calling. I saw our youth wanting to move their relationship with Jesus to a higher level. I saw many people choose Jesus and request baptism. One young adult said, "I will rise before my God and fall on my knees to transcend in his presence."

By the end of Sabbath morning worship, preparations were being made to have a baptismal service after the evening program. Pastors and family members were called and Bible studies began happening in the afternoon. By the end of the evening program, 300 people moved to the pool and crowded around as pastors entered the water. That evening 26 youth and young adults committed their lives to Christ through baptism. The pool was filled with singing, tears of joy, laughter in celebration, and an energy that could not go unnoticed. I was told that there had never been a baptism in the college pool before; this was a first.

All day Sunday, busses moved back and forth to the Edmonton Airport as people left. As I worked with a crew packing-up, I was putting away one of the many prayer booths and I read some of the prayers that our young people wrote. I saw the hurt that many carry. I noticed the difficulties that are often hidden beneath the surface of our youth. But this weekend, I also saw hope. I witnessed the hope we have with a deeper relationship with Christ. I know that Christ is working in the hearts of our young people, changing lives. I saw, like never before, the Holy Spirit work this weekend, pointing us all to the cross. I praise God for His mercies.
—Submitted by Kevin Kiers

Ministering to Those With Special Needs

Last Fall, the General Conference started a new office of “Special Needs.” It has been set up directly under the General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson. Dr. Larry Evans, formerly the GC Under Secretary, also Associate Stewardship Director and Liaison for Deaf Ministry, was appointed as the General Conference “Special Needs Director.”

For the last four plus years, much of Dr. Evans time and effort has been concentrated on the needs of the Deaf. A “Deaf Ministry” Director was appointed in all of the 14 Divisions of the church. However, as Dr. Evans looked at the total picture and role of those with ‘disabilities’ in the church, he began to envision a wider scope than simply the Deaf. Together with Wilson, they worked on the concept of a special way to bring the attention of the world church to tending to the needs of and incorporating in the plans and fabric of the church, all those with special needs.

The new Special Needs thrust now includes not only the Deaf and Blind that we might normally think of, but Orphans and all those with either special physical or special mental needs.

As Deaf Department Director for both the Alberta Conference and Gospel Outreach, I was asked to give a report about what Gospel Outreach is doing to reach the world of the Deaf in the 10/40 window of the world. The Division Special Needs Directors presented reports from their regions. Other presenters included Charlotte Thoms speaking on Disabilities in general, Esther Doss on the challenges of Deafness, Stephanie Hubach from the Special Needs department of the Presbyterian Church in America, Diane Thurber from Christian Record Services (CRS) and others covering mental health, orphans, etc.

It may be of interest to note that CRS, because of serious financial concerns, has had to close its Canadian Office and trim its overall staff down to about



14 workers. This has been a very painful process and CRS is searching for an appropriate new model that can still provide the most needed braille and talking book services for the Blind, while mostly paying its own way. However, the Alberta Conference is still continuing an active work for Blind through Andre Balduc and the US office of CRS.

One area of huge world need is for Orphans. The United Nations Children’s Fund, as of 2007, estimated that there were 132 million orphans in the world with 13 million who had lost both parents.

It is estimated that there are 1 billion people in the world living with disabilities—that is about one seventh of the world’s population. Dr. Larry Evans has written: “It is noted that all of us either are or will become disabled to one degree or another during the course of our lives.”

Our GC President, Ted Wilson writes: “This Special Needs Ministry is following in the footsteps of Christ and His method alone of dealing with people physically mentally, socially and spiritually. Christ intends for us to reach these people and involve them with the proclamation of the three angel’s messages as we look forward to Christ’s soon coming.”

In Canada, Elder Mark Johnson, our Union President explains that there is already a plan called “Ministries of Compassion.” He writes: “The idea has been to place the focus on this both in individual conferences and to designate someone within each of our

congregations to pay special attention to the needs which exist both in the community and within the church. This brings together Community Services, Blind, Deaf, the Relocated, ESL and a host of other issues under one focus.” We could add: The most important thing is that whatever organizational structure is used, that those with disabilities be and feel included within our plans and congregations—not left out on the sidelines!

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Women of Strength and Beauty

“The best retreat ever.” “An incredible spiritual blessing.” “Phenomenal nurturing of my heart and soul.”

During the weekend of April 1-3, approximately 290 women met together at the Red Deer Sheraton Hotel to worship, create and renew friendships, and relax. Body, mind, heart, and soul were nourished.

Keynote speaker, Jo Ann Davidson, professor in the Theology Department of Andrews University, spent a few months in Israel. While there, she discovered a deeper and truer meaning of Sabbath worship. Attendees departed enlightened, encouraged, and enthused, eagerly anticipating the ensuing Sabbath. Let’s try to summarize a smattering: “She brought new insight into the Sabbath encounter as experienced by the Jews. My whole perspective has been changed. God created our world and the relationships that we share. He created the family to teach us how to connect with people and Himself. The Sabbath was not intended to be a race against time. Ms. Davidson gave us tools to let the Sabbath seep in with anticipation and delight as we welcome our Friend, Jesus, into our homes. Our culture has made us slaves to our schedules. The Sabbath is not to be inspection time, but rather a time to be free from the clock and details of our lives. We can practice the changes until they become a welcomed part of our Sabbath delight. It’s all about celebration!”

Ms. Davidson also spoke about how the Proverbs 31 woman was a woman of strength. Many discovered that they too can be that woman of strength and beauty; that the woman did not have unattainable qualities, but rather quite the opposite.

Each year a WARM offering is collected to assist those who would not be able to attend due to financial constraints. The WARM offering this year amounted to \$2,757.61. Thirty-four women were offered assistance to make the Women of Strength and Beauty Conference a reality.

Reasons to attend:

- participate in a spiritual feast
- share in passionate prayer
- savour fabulous food and ambiance
- renew friendships and create new relationships. Said one, “I intentionally sit at a different table for each meal. I don’t always remember the name of

an individual, but I remember faces. It’s such a blessing!”

Everyone attends for a different reason. Some wouldn’t miss the weekend; it’s their annual time to recharge. Others come for a first time to check things out. Some are hesitant, and then pleasantly surprised by how God provides sweet nourishment for their soul. Some have relational or financial obstacles to overcome. It’s gratifying to see God at work. Some venture forward rather fearfully, but find peace, friendship, and acceptance. “I am a woman of strength and beauty because of the Lord!” said one. “I can honor Him with my life!” stated another.

“Who can find a woman of strength, for her price is far above rubies.”
Proverbs 31:10

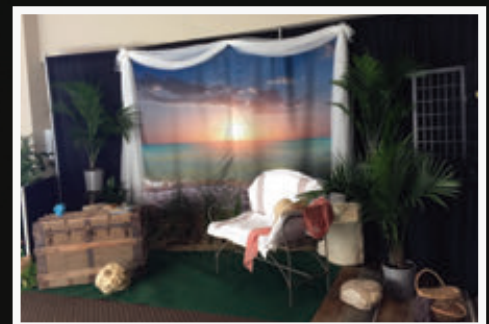
—Submitted by Linda Steinke



Pastor Honey Todd attending this year’s Women’s Ministry Retreat.



Guest Speaker, Jo Ann Davidson, signing books.



Decorations at the main entrance to the meeting room.



Prayer and Revival Ministries

As Prayer and Revival Ministries Coordinator for the Conference, I have asked two very prayer centered people to assist me. Pastor Ian Bramble and Pastor Honey Todd will be joining me to carry the banner and provide support for Prayer ministry coordinators in their area, Pastor Ian in the North part of the Province and Pastor Honey in the South. I will cover the Central area. They will be available to support you in your role and are the point persons to help you if you wish to have a prayer event in your area. You can reach them at ibramble@albertaadventist.ca and htodd@albertaadventist.ca.

We are encouraging you to join us in several prayer initiatives that impact our church members in Alberta. I suggest that you share these with your prayer partner and pray teams. If you are not part of a prayer team and are presently working solo, I encourage you to reach out to four or five others and ask them to join you in praying for these events and items. We want to have God's Spirit surround these events and projects so that God's will be done.

- The upcoming Constituency meeting for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada on August 19-21 at Burman University. Pray that God will lead in the decisions that are made at that session.
- The upcoming Constituency meeting for the Alberta Conference on October 2. This is a very important session as two of our Administrators, President and Secretary, will be retiring and therefore will be replaced.
- I am personally involved with raising funds for our mission School, Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). The Bridge Campaign is a building project that will cost 4.9 million. The difference that is being made in the lives of the young people is very exciting. We have over 200 students attending with more that would attend if there was room. This is the largest First Nations

Adventist Mission School in North America and it is located near Ponoka. Please pray for the students and staff at MANS and the upcoming building project.

I urge you to invite others to also join in prayer for God's leading throughout the Alberta Conference.



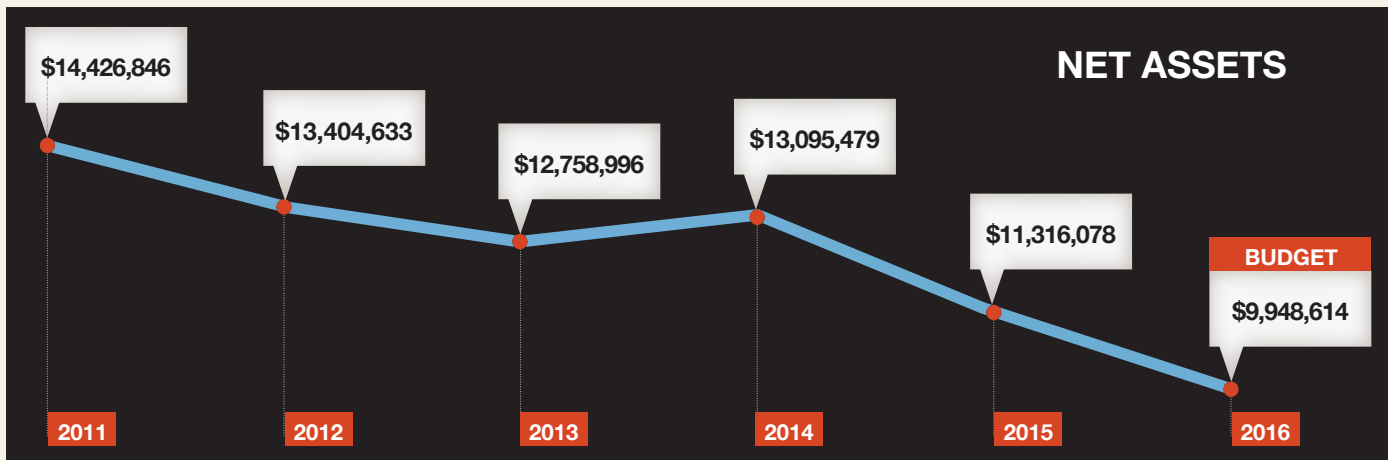
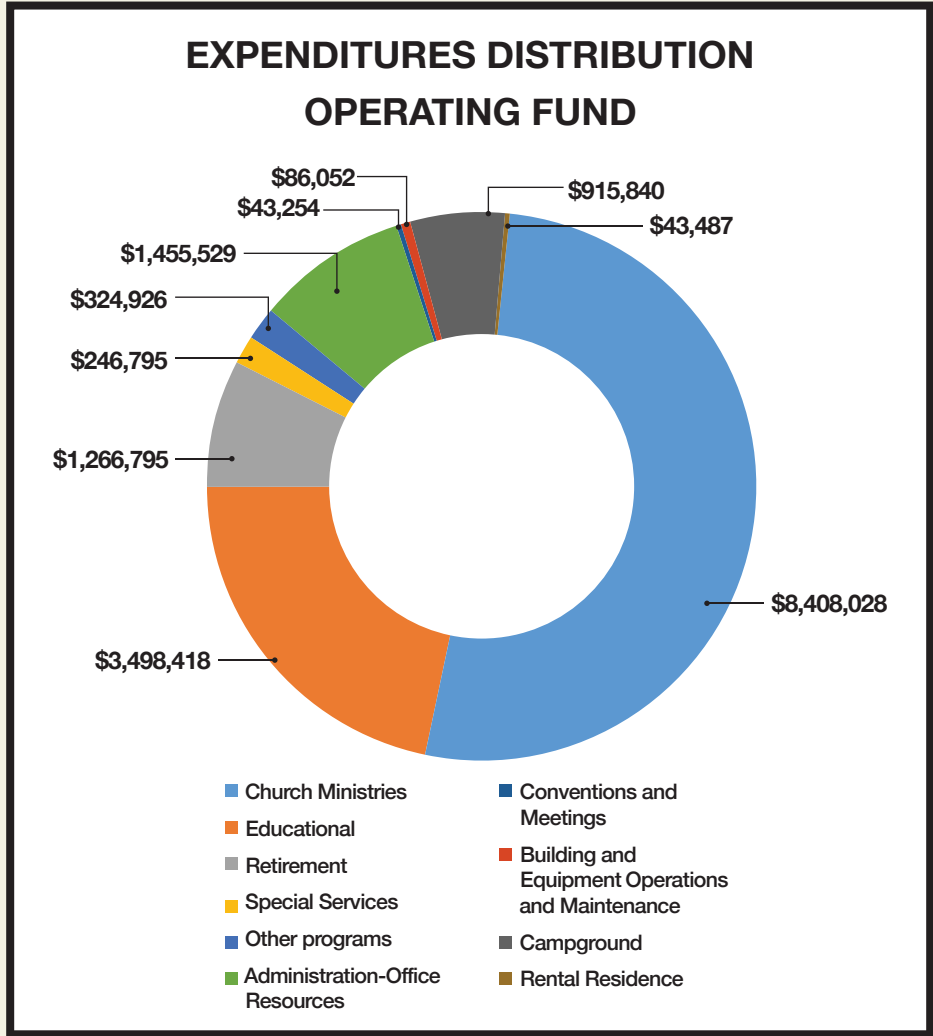
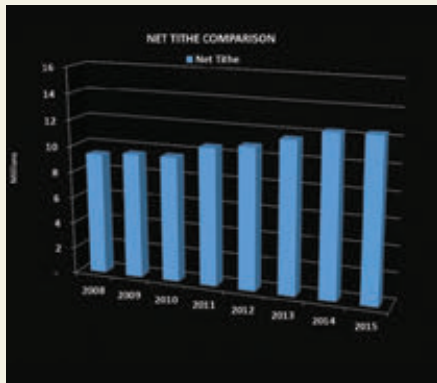
Warren Kay
Prayer and Revival Ministries
Coordinator

Alberta Conference Financial Report

We are heading into uncertain times, fortunately God has blessed us with a healthy Net Asset Balance (Reserves) of \$11 million to face the challenges before us. I am sharing the following slides for a snap shot of the financials of the Alberta Conference. We have been working at reducing our net assets over the last 4 years and continue to work with deficit budgets as outlined by the constituents at our last town hall meetings. We have invested

heavily in youth, youth chaplains, pastoral support, education, Foothills Camp and evangelism. As a result, we have continued to have a posi-

tive rate of growth which is a blessing in North America. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. —Submitted by Keith Richter



Breakfast of Champions

Two important groups, Breakfast for Learning and A Better World's "Music with a Mission" have recognized the importance of Mamawi Atosketan Native School's Nutrition for Learning program. Both made significant contributions that helped MANS students succeed academically.

"These groups made an important contribution," says Gail Wilton, principal of MANS. "The Breakfast for Learning donation supplied milk for breakfast all this year, and the Music with a Mission contribution was a big boost to our program." Teachers see a real difference in students' ability to focus and learn when they have sufficient food for breakfast and lunch, says Wilton.



"When you go to Africa, the needs are obvious," says A Better World co-founder Eric Rajah, "In North America, that's not the case. We seldom see them—they tend to be hidden, but they're there." And so the organizers

of Music with a Mission made history: they invited MANS' sign language group, Total Praise, to perform at their April 9 concert, and MANS became Music with a Mission's first-ever North American beneficiary.

"I thought it would be a good idea to help young people in our [Central Alberta] community," said Naomi Delafield, director of Rosedale Valley Strings. In previous years, two groups of young musicians—the Red Deer Youth Orchestra and Lacombe's



Rosedale Valley String Orchestra—would join forces to perform the annual "Music with a Mission" concert in support of children's programs in Africa and Asia. This year, their efforts helped fill a need closer to home. —Submitted by Alberta Conference Communications

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAGE Alberta

SENIORS IN ACTION FOR GOD WITH EXCELLENCE

JUNE 13

Foothills Camp
Work Project

JULY 4-10

Foothills Camp "Young at
Heart" Heritage Camp

JULY 17

Camp Meeting-Free
Dessert and Fellowship

AUGUST 21

Mamawi Atosketan Native
School Work Project

AUGUST 22-25

Sheep River Prov. Pk RV
Camp, Sandy McNab GP.A

SEPT. 23-26

Miquelon Lake RV
Camp, Group Area 7

NOV. 10-13

Foothills Camp
Fall Retreat

To receive further information about these events, to receive notification of future SAGE activities and events, or to give feedback and suggestions, please contact Victor Fitch at (403)302-0231. If you are 50 years and older, you are welcome to participate in any activity/event as you are interested.

Did you know the Alberta Conference does

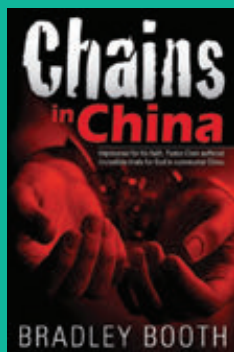


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(AlbertaSDAConf), and LIVEstream.com (ABAdventist) to
be notified of current and upcoming LIVE events.



The book of the month for June is a junior book titled **Treasure on Spyglass Hill** by Paul Ricchiuti. Gary would rather do just about anything than go to the rundown church just outside of town, but when he and his friend Scott, along with pesky Susan and Gary's dog, Sarge, begin investigating a local legend they discover a heavenly treasure as well as the earthly one they sought.
 Regular: \$20.43 **On sale in June: \$15.29**



Book of the month for July is **Chains in China!** by Bradley Booth. This book illustrates the nightmare of tribulation God's people have often endured for the cause of Christ. Chen knows this firsthand, for were it not for the miracle God performed to save his life, he would have died in Wu Xi Prison.
 Regular: \$24.89
On sale in July: \$18.69



Book of the month for August is **The Fighter!** by Ken Vogel. Piari was such a warrior. Though he started out thirsting for the kill, he ultimately traded his weapons for a Bible and tribal skirmishes for a real battle—the battle between good and evil. And this makes Piari the bravest warrior of all.
 Regular: \$20.49
On sale in August: \$15.39

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ABC Bookmobile Schedule 2016

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July 5 & 6 Winnipeg	Oct. 16 Whitecourt	Nov. 13, 14 & 15 Coralwood
July 8 to 17 Whitesand	Oct. 17 Peace River	
July 15 to 23 Foothills Camp	Oct. 17 Fairview	Christmas Sale Calgary
July 19 & 20 Coralwood	Oct. 18 Grande Prairie	Nov. 20, 21 & 22 Calgary
20 Leduc	Oct. 19 & 20 Coralwood	Dec. 11 & 12 Coralwood
26 & 27 Calgary	Oct. 25 & 26 Calgary	14 & 15 Calgary
August 23 & 24 Coralwood	27 Brooks	
30 & 31 Calgary	27 Beiseker	
Sept. 6 & 7 Coralwood		
7 Leduc		
13 & 14 Calgary		

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Sunday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Camp Meeting ABC Auditorium SALE List Sunday, July 17 (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

	Description	Author	Reg.	Sale
1	40 Days: Prayers & Devotions on the Lord's Supper	Dennis Smith	\$20.49	\$16.40
2	A Day for Healing	John C. Brunt	\$20.49	\$16.40
3	Guides Greatest Friendship Stories	Lori Peckham	\$15.93	\$13.50
4	Angry Saints	George R. Knight	\$23.39	\$17.60
5	Encouraging Verses of the Bible	Barbour	\$27.99	\$19.50
6	A Thoughtful Hour: Learning to Live the Beatitudes	Jerry D. Thomas	\$14.59	\$11.25
7	Glimpses Into the Life Ellen White DVD/2 disc set	The White Estate	\$20.99	\$13.99
8	Same Dress, Different Day	Juliet Van Heerden	\$29.19	\$21.80
9	ESV Big Picture Bible	Crossway	\$41.99	\$24.99
10	Cappy, the Arctic Tern	Kenneth Crawford	\$16.09	\$12.70
11	Born Yesterday	Rachel Smith	\$24.79	\$17.85
12	My Favorite Prayer Stories	Joe L. Wheeler	\$23.39	\$17.85
13	EGW Writings-CD Rom	The White Estate	\$34.99	\$27.99
14	Flee the Captor	Herbert Ford	\$24.89	\$18.65
15	No Heil Hitler	Paul Cieslar	\$21.69	\$16.35
16	120 Quick & Easy Object Lessons for Childrens Story Time	Jim Simmons	\$20.49	\$15.30

17	The Reformation and the Remnant	Nicholas P. Miller	\$23.39	\$17.50
18	Little Maid / Little Lad	Etta B. Degering	\$13.19	\$9.60
19	Ending the Pain	Lindsey Gendke	\$23.39	\$18.50
20	Jungle Thorn	Norma Youngberg	\$16.09	\$11.50
21	New Life Challenge Book	Patricia Gilbert	\$34.99	\$23.45
22	Mouse in a Bottle-CD Rom	Marvin Hunt	\$29.19	\$10.20
23	Moving Your Church	S. Joseph Kidder	\$20.49	\$15.40
24	Prayer That Moves Mountains	Diane Pestes	\$24.79	\$18.60
25	Illustrated Bible for Little Ones	Harvest House	\$29.99	\$19.99
26	Ancient Words, Present Hope	Kayle B. DeWaal	\$29.19	\$17.30
27	There's More to Jesus	Shawn Brace	\$24.79	\$18.50
28	Frichik Original	Loma Linda WR	\$99.60	\$79.60

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Redeem your ABC Bucks at the ABC Store during Camp Meeting week.



More sale items will be available at the event.



CAMP 2016 DATE AGE COST

Camp For The Visually Impaired	June 26-July 3	ALL	\$40
Family Camp	July 4-10	ALL	*
Young At Heart Heritage Camp	July 4-10	55+	DONATIONS ACCEPTED
Watersports/Horsemanship Specialized Camp	July 10-13	13-17	\$310
Adventurer Camp	July 24-31	6-10	\$280
Sherwood Forest 1	July 24-31	9-12	\$310
Junior Camp	July 31-August 7	10-13	\$290
Sherwood Forest 2	July 31-August 7	10-13	\$310
Teen Camp	August 7-14	13-17	\$290
Sherwood Forest 3	August 7-14	10-14	\$310

***Family Camp Rates**

- \$700 - For a family of 2 adults and 2 or more children
- \$600 - For a family of 1 adult and 2 or more children OR a family of 2 adults and 1 child
- \$400 - For a family of 1 adult and 1 child OR a family of 2 adults and no children
- \$300 - For a single adult with no children



For more information about Foothills Summer Camps and to register, please visit us at www.foothillscamp.org or call us at (403)342-5044



Blood pressure check.



Student Helping with Stretching at Wellness Fair.

New Four-Year Wellness Degree Approved

At Burman University, wellness is not just about healthy living, it is Burman University's newest four-year degree program. On June 2, president Haynal received a letter from the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education granting Burman the right to offer a "new four-year Bachelor of Science (Wellness) program." It has been a long journey.

Expert Assessment

Although, the University has long had a three-year Wellness Management degree in place, a four-year degree better prepares those wanting to go into physical or occupational therapy. So in 2012 Burman made the first part of the required application to Advanced Education. The process then moved to the Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) the body that accredits all degree programs in the province, including degrees offered by the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. The Quality Assurance Council had a panel of experts thoroughly review Burman's proposal. Highly qualified individuals from the University of Calgary, the University of Alberta, and the University of Waterloo

visited Burman for three days near the end of November, 2015, inspecting facilities and interviewing administration, faculty, and students.

physical education and chemistry. It will give graduates direction and eligibility to enter programs of Masters of Public Health (MPH) in health education,

It has been a long journey.

Strong Endorsement

At the end of the report the evaluation team wrote that the, [University] has the advantage of a student-centered campus with a strong interactive component that is enhanced by the small numbers and small class sizes. The campus location is beautifully situated among lakes and hills and the current Physical Education complex and facilities are exceptional for the number of students enrolled at the university...[Burman University] should be able to provide a relevant and sought after "Wellness" degree that will serve the Seventh-day Adventist community and Lacombe and the surrounding geographic corridor between Edmonton and Calgary.

Flexible Interdisciplinary Degree

What has emerged is an interdisciplinary degree that uses expertise from many departments at Burman, including social sciences, political studies, biology,

health sciences, nutrition, epidemiology and biostatistics, health administration, maternal and child health, international health, environmental and occupational health. These master degree programs also lead into a Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree. For those wishing to go directly into the workforce careers are available in health care administration, corporate wellness programs, public health and even in international health and development. The new Wellness degree fits well with Burman's desire to be known in Central Alberta as a place that advocates and models, physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.

For more information on Burman's Wellness program contact info@burmanu.ca or Dr. Klaus Irrgang, Program Chair at kirrgang@burmanu.ca
—Submitted by John McDowell
Burman University Dean of Arts

Alberta Camp Meeting
July 15- 23, 2016



Servant of Grace

I became a servant of this gospel
by the gift of God's grace given me
through the working of his power.

Ephesians 3:7 (NIV)

More information at albertaadventist.ca/cm2016

MAIN AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS



Elizabeth Talbot

*Speaker/Director
Jesus101 Biblical Institute
NAD*

Friday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.,
Saturday, July 16 (10:45 a.m.
& 7:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 17, 4:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Talbot is the speaker/director for the Jesus101 Biblical Institute, a teaching/training media ministry of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. She travels throughout the U.S. and internationally as a lecturer and revival/motivational speaker. Talbot was born in Argentina to the home of Adventist missionaries. Since her early childhood her parents instilled in her the love of Jesus and she always envisioned preaching and teaching as she gathered her dolls as an audience. Talbot's main identity is her passion about the good news of Jesus Christ: "It's like fire in my bones" she says, and she means it!



Katia Reinert

*Associate Health Ministries Director
General Conference*

Theme: Choose a Full Life & Reach the
World: Sharing Wholeness, Serving All

Monday, July 18-
Friday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.

Dr Katia Reinert is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Public Health Clinical Nurse Specialist practicing internal medicine at Shepherds clinic in Baltimore, MD. She recently served as the Health Ministries & Recovery Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist church in North America and now serves as Health Ministries Associate director for the Seventh-day Adventist Worldwide.



Alexander Bryant

NAD Secretariat

Monday, July 18-
Thursday, July 21,
7:00 p.m.

Alexander ("Alex") Bryant, serves as the executive secretary of the North American Division and associate secretary of the General Conference. He formerly served as the president of the Central States Conference. Bryant is married to the former Desiree Wimbish and they are the parents of three children: Travis, Traven, and Terrence.



Don King

*President
Atlantic Union Conference*

Friday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 23 (10:45 a.m.
& 7:00 p.m.)

Donald King currently serves as the 19th and longest tenured president of the Atlantic Union Conference. As an ordained minister for over 35 years and as Union president, he provides spiritual leadership and strategic coordination to the Northeast region of the United States comprising the states of New York, New England, and the islands of Bermuda. He is married for 41 years to Lois who served on the faculty of Burman University and Atlantic Union College. They have two married adult sons and one grandson.

SEMINARS AT A GLANCE



**Music and Worship:
Contemporary Issues**
Winston Hurlock
Pastor, Ontario Conference



Mother Heart of God
Trudy Beyak
Author/Speaker
FaithWords



**Community Services
& Urban Ministry
Certification**
May-ElLEN Colon
Director ACS International
General Conference



**How to Make a Small
Church Thrive**
Don Corkum,
Church Plant Director
Alberta Conference



**Communicating with
Purpose/eAdventist**
Troy McQueen
Communications/IT Director
Alberta Conference



**How to Reach the
New Minority**
Ishmael Ali
Pastor
Alberta Conference



The Five Love Languages
Captain Jonathan Runnels
Chaplain-US Air Force



The Family Team
Lynn McDowell
Planned Giving & Trust
Services/Fundraising Director
Alberta Conference



**An Intro to Sign Language
& Deaf Ministry**
John Blake
Volunteer Coordinator
Deaf Ministries
Alberta Conference



RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL
Nwamiko Madden
Sabbath School Director
Alberta Conference



**God's Change Agents in a
Changing World**
Gaspar Colon
Resource Developer
GC Global Mission Urban
Center



**Foothills Camp Master
Planning**
Llew Werner
Project Development Officer/
Foothills Camp Director
Alberta Conference

Opening Meeting: Friday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Talbot (mini concert to follow—Ruben Latour)

TIME	Sabbath July 16	Sunday July 17	Monday July 18	Tuesday July 19	Wednesday July 20	Thursday July 21	Friday July 22	Sabbath July 23	
7:00-7:30	Derek Richter	Cecile Moody	Brent Wilson	Jessica Hall	Adam Deibert	Ted Deer	Daniel Guiboche	George Ali	
8:00-8:45	BREAKFAST								
9:30-10:45	Sabbath School MANS	ABC Sale 9:30-11:30	SEMINARS					Sabbath School Evangelism	
11:00-12:15	Church Service Elizabeth Talbot 11:00-12:45		PLENARY SESSION Katia Reinert					Church Service Don King 11:00-12:45	
12:30-1:15	Sabbath Lunch 1:00-1:45	International Food Fair 12:00-2:15	LUNCH						
1:15-2:00			Radio Talk Show 106.3 FM 1:00-2:00					Sabbath Lunch 1:00-1:45	
2:30-3:30	Pathfinder March 3:00-3:30	2:00-4:15 Family Fun Time	Departmental Seminars					Burman/PAA 3:00-3:45	
4:00-5:15	Ordination/ Commissioning 3:30-5:00	Elizabeth Talbot 4:30-5:30	SEMINARS					Camp Meeting Concert 3:45-5:15	
5:45-6:30	SUPPER								
7:00-8:30	Elizabeth Talbot	Seminar Intros/ Concert: Karen Ritchey	Alexander Bryant				Memorials Don King	Don King	
8:35-9:05			Mini Concert Wayne Tetz			Mini Concert David Benjamin			

5 Km Fun Run/Walk-Sunday, July 17, 6:30-8:00 a.m.
Aqasize-Sunday, July 17-Friday, July 22, 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Children's Divisions-7:00-8:30 p.m.
Please Note: Schedule times/programing may change

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SPECIAL FEATURE



Karen Ritchey

Music Concert

Sunday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

CAMP MEETING FOOD Fair



TOO BIG TO MISS!



If your church or group is planning to participate in this year's Camp Meeting Food Fair, please contact Irma Hartley to book a spot.

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Camp Meeting Meal Tickets (Individual):

Ages 0-3 (free)
Ages 4-9 Ages 10 and up
Breakfast \$5.50 Breakfast \$8.50
Lunch \$8.50 Lunch \$11.50
Supper \$6.50 Supper \$9.50



Meal Package Pricing:

(No Sunday lunch due to International Food Fair)
Seniors 65+ Full Package (25 meals)..... \$215
Full Package-Age 10+ (25 meals)..... \$230
Lunch Package-Age 10+ (7 meals)..... \$75

Camp Meeting Meal Times:

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Lunch 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.
Sabbath Lunch 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Supper 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Please note: There are no refunds on meal tickets.

No meal tickets will be sold during Sabbath hours. Please purchase your Sabbath meal tickets at the camp office before 9 p.m. on Fridays.

Please Note: Meal tickets can be purchased in advance until July 11 by calling Penny at (403) 342-5044, ext 201 and can be picked up at the camp office upon arrival. Starting July 14, please purchase meal tickets at the camp office.



LIVE Stream

Camp Meeting presentations will be LIVE streamed (audio only) this year from the main auditorium. Check the Alberta Conference website for more information at www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2016

Recordings

Wish you could hear that Camp Meeting message again or share it with a friend? All audio recordings (mp3) will be available to download free of charge at www.albertaadventist.ca/cm2016. No recordings (audio or video) will be sold during Camp Meeting this year. If you would like to order audio or video copies of the main auditorium messages, an order form will be available at the main camp office. Orders will be processed and mailed out after Camp Meeting.



AAAA GROUP

Menu: Indian food
Project: Asian Camp Meeting

AAAC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Menu: Sadza, green vegetables, chapatis, beans, rice, veggie meat, samosas, vetkoek (mandaza)
Project: Women's Ministry

CAAA AB MINISTERIAL

Menu: Lunch box: Calalou, fried dumplings, plaintain, Jamaican patties
Drinks: ginger beer, water, juice
Desert: coconut drops, sweet bread, toe toe
Project: Carribean Association

CALGARY METRO

Menu: Vegetarian fried noodles, steamed rice, spring rolls, tofu Caldereta, Stir-fried vegetables, vegetarian sushi, "Kilawin" tofu, gluten kabobs, gluten teriyaki, "Sisig" tofu, Siopao (vegetarian steamed bun), preserved vegetarian salted paste;
Desserts: Kutchinta (steamed rice flour cake), banana fritter, Hopia, Suman (sweet sticky rice);
Cold Desserts: Halo-halo, ice cream, Buko Pandan salad (young coconut & Pandan jelly), mango & young coconut flavoured ice candy
Project: Building Fund

CALGARY NORTHWINDS

Menu: Combo: Vege ginger chicken, noodles, fried rice, spring rolls, oriental salad.
Side menu: perogies, sweet potato que on stick; bananaque, pizza
Project: Building Fund

Menu



INTER NATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Sunday, July 17
12:00 – 2:15 p.m.

CALGARY PARKDALE

Menu: Halo-Halo ice cream
Project: Youth Mission Trip

CALGARY SOUTHSIDE

Menu: Vegetarian spring rolls, vegetarian ginger beef, vegetarian noodles, romaine salad
Project: TBA

MANS

Menu: Vegetarian "Moose" stew, bannock, rice pudding, herbal cranberry tea, jam and butter
Project: MANS

MOUNTAINEERS ADVENTURER/ PATHFINDER

Menu: Mexican stuffed peppers, Mexican rice, refried beans, salad, bunuelos (dessert), tamarind juice
Project: Pathfinders

RED DEER FILCAN

Menu: pancit, spring rolls, banana fritters, canned drinks, bottled water
Project: Missions

WILD ROSE PATHFINDERS

Menu: (Vegan options available) perogies, crepes, drinks
Project: Pathfinders

Parkview Adventist Academy Makes the Grade

For PAA, the pursuit of lifelong learning is applied to students and staff alike. While classes focus on building a foundation of practical and subject-specific knowledge for graduates, preparation and visioning prepare teachers to meet the growing needs of the changing student demographic. Here are a few things that have worked well this year and a whole lot more to look forward to in 2016-2017!

Last year, PAA trained a staff First Aid instructor with St. John Ambulance, and more than half the student body has been certified in Standard First Aid and CPR as a result. The impact of this has been a student-initiated emphasis on safety and security as they recognize the importance of knowing the proper procedures for response and look out for one another. Not long ago on a Sabbath afternoon walk through the trails of Red Deer, a group of trained students came across a man who had taken a steep corner too quickly and had fallen from his bike. Several of them worked through the steps of a responder and asked if they could help. While he was, thankfully, not injured enough to require First Aid, he was moved by the Christ-like compassion displayed by this group of teenagers.

This school year also marked a renewed effort to create digital learning

experiences for PAA students. More teachers utilized online tools for organization and distribution of materials while also finding ways to increase computer literacy for our students. The new Computers elective gave students a foundation in coding and design while the integration of Google Chromebooks for all Grade 10 students provided access in every content area. This single addition impacted project choices for students and made creative expressions like student-made short films, award-winning radio commercials, posters, animations and so much more, possible.

In an attempt to continue expanding opportunities for students to experience fulfillment in what they are learning, connect more with the PAA community, and find balance within the demands of life, teachers and administrators have made a concentrated effort to create a schedule with time for everything. In 2016-2017, teaching time will be adjusted to replicate some of the positive outcomes experienced this year. The school day will start a little later, end a little sooner, and include a flexible block of time for teachers to provide assistance or sponsorship to a number of clubs. Because communities are changing organisms and no two school years are the same in terms of what

is most needed, we will continue to prayerfully consider and act on what is required to provide the most effective learning environment for our students.

On this note, additions for next year include:

1. More renovations—the existing computer lab will be transformed into an additional teaching space and its function will be fully replaced by a mobile lab as well as Chromebooks for all Grade 10 and 11 students.
2. More options for transportation—there are plans for a new school shuttle to enjoy as students and staff drive with teams, clubs, and classes to the many off-campus encounters planned for next year.
3. More people committed to supporting on-campus learning—after many years of dedicated service, both Del Spent and Kathryn Egolf are going to pursue some well-earned leisure activities in retirement. However, their love of our students and our school has prompted each of them to return on contract to teach a favourite class or two, and we are definitely looking forward to seeing them around!
4. More student-led worships—the Campus Ministries team is already planning wonderful things for next school year's spiritual emphasis, including many original ideas and creative expressions.

At PAA, teachers and staff are glad to be doing God's work and we ask that you continue to cover our campus in prayer. —Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz, PAA Communications Coordinator



L-R: T-shirts for PAA; Learning First Aid; Community Service.



Couple married at REACH Calgary series.

REACH Calgary 2016



Attendance at REACH Calgary series.



Chris Holland speaking at the REACH Calgary series.

It Is Written is aired in Calgary each Sabbath morning. The statistics show that thousands of individuals across Canada tune in weekly. We can confidently conclude that most of the listeners are non-Adventists due to the fact that the program airs during our regularly scheduled Sabbath morning services and members are in church at those times,” said, Pastor Lawel Natufe, president of the Calgary Ministerial Association. In an effort to reach the people of Calgary with the good news of the Everlasting Gospel, the Ministerial Association had been meeting and planning for one full year to host a City-wide evangelistic outreach series slated for April 8-30, 2016. All 17 City churches and companies, spanning from Strathmore to Airdrie, were engaged in this effort.

Chris Holland, *It Is Written Canada* speaker/director, presented a 17-night seminar entitled Discoveries in Revelation. Holland masterfully showed, through the prophetic book of Revelation, how ancient mysteries reveal hope for the future. His approach was refreshing, congenial, informative, engaging, and truth centred. Effort was intentional at engaging children, youth, adults, and seniors.

Fountainview Academy spent the

first ten days of the series ministering to those in attendance. Chinook Winds Academy also ministered through music. Local members were encouraged to network with their friends (Friendship Evangelism), and bring them nightly to the presentations. As a result, an average of 800 people attended the meetings held at the Red and White Club in McMahon Stadium. Every church in the greater Calgary area was closed to services for the last two Sabbaths. Throughout the series, 45 individuals were baptized.

Members noted how great it was to see the Calgary pastors working together so well. “It’s not intentional, but we get so occupied in our individual churches, that at times there seems to be little church to church interaction,” said Pastor Natufe. We experienced amazing blessings!”

An attending couple, who had been living together for more than 20 years, were convicted to be married on the final Sabbath, and then baptized together, side by side.

The next question facing the Calgary ministerial is, “Where do we go from here?” There is a plan. Calculated follow up with approximately 200 individuals is already in progress. Personal invitations have been provided for a continued

Saturday night Bible study with Pastor Barber at the Calgary Central Church. A Discipleship program for newly baptized members is being held at each of the churches conducted by respective local pastors. “Our goal is to facilitate spiritual growth that will lead to dynamic personal evangelism,” said Pastor Natufe. “We want our new members to be fully empowered as disciples of Christ.”—Submitted by Linda Steinke

Christ the Way Receives Church Status

There were both “push” and “pull” factors in the conception of the church plant which is now known as Christ the Way Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Consistently and increasingly in the years leading up to 2015, Edmonton South (which is actually geographically Edmonton East) Church faced overcrowding—not enough parking, not enough seating. This is a fine ego boost for any church, and an enviably sweet dilemma for any church board to face, but truthfully a challenge to the growth of the body of Christ. This was a “push” factor.

The greatest population growth in Edmonton during the past decade has occurred in the South-West quadrant of the city—the sprawl and development still continues to boom to this day. Provincial government lines even had to be re-drawn recently to properly represent this booming population. The glaring deficiency in a lack of an Adventist church in this area of the city for a decade only became more pronounced with time. This was a “pull” factor.

The core leadership at Edmonton South tossed-and-turned, and wrestled amongst themselves, each individually as well as collectively as a board. Comfort and contentment were difficult to leave behind, while some of the congregation was in opposition to this move. So, make no mistake, this particular church plant was not a split or a separation, it was a deliberately planned, and prayerfully calculated action. Finally, half of the core church board and active leaders made the “leap of faith” together. Truth is, several decades ago Edmonton South was once a church plant itself.

With God’s guidance and presence, the “plant” took roots in January of 2015, under the wise and experienced leadership of Pastor John Murley, and the assistance of the charismatic and young Pastor Anthony Kern.

The timing of the plant was deliberate, occurring just prior to the city-wide It Is Written evangelistic series (a.k.a. Impact 2015, April-May). This was to accommodate space for potential new believers that would be brought into our



Pastor Murley (right) reads the Roll Call of 52 Charter Members, while Pastor Hall looks on.



Charter Members of the newly formed Christ the Way Seventh-day Adventist Church in Edmonton.

Truth is, several decades ago Edmonton South was once a church plant itself.

community of faith. The rented church structure that currently houses the church group was actually the host location of the exciting Impact 2015 series—led by the dynamic and gifted Pastor John Bradshaw, from It Is Written International.

Flash-forward to June 2016, today. Remarkably, even unbelievably, only a year after the evangelistic series was hosted in this city, Christ the Way has not only been dedicated as a company, it has recently been granted, and been dedicated under the category of, official church status. As our current Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) president stated at the dedication it has been an unprecedented, “meteoric rise,” at a speed that has kept the Alberta Conference leadership hopping. Church status usually takes time to grant, but the dedication

of members’ time and efforts, along with ample monetary support in the way of tithes and offerings God has blessed.

They would be remiss not to mention the challenges that come with a church plant, as it is hard enough in a large church to have people volunteer even just a small portion of their time. Nevertheless, with faith, hope and love, they persevere.

Just two months ago, there were 5 baptisms at the church, bringing back nostalgic emotions of the baptisms that occurred during Impact 2015 in the same baptism tank. More recently there was a baby dedication for one of the young couples who recently welcomed the birth of a healthy baby girl. Blessings from within are complimented by the blessings exchanged in outreach. On Canada Day last year, the group handed out hundreds of free bottled water at one of the nearby major parks, with our church info attached to them. For Christmas a community outreach dinner was served for visitors as well as our own members. Very recently, within the last month, the church reached out into the surrounding neighbourhoods soliciting on behalf of the Edmonton Food Bank, which coincidentally fell under some desperate times with the Ft. McMurray fires.

They are relatively small in number (60 to 70 attend on any given Sabbath, depending on visitors, curious passers-by, etc.). However, for such a small group you’d be hard-pressed to find a group of any size as incredibly diverse, in age, occupation, demographics and culture—with backgrounds from countries such as Brazil, El Salvador, South Africa, South Korea, Kenya, Germany, East India, West Indies, Australia, Poland, Portugal, as well as second and third generation Caucasian Canadians.

It wasn’t easy, and it still isn’t, making this decision to plant a church; but with a delicate blend of commitment, enthusiasm and experience, this church “plant” looks to be deepening its roots, its branches appear to be reaching upward and outward, and producing fruit—like a tree planted by the water... it shall not be moved.—*Submitted by AB Conference Communications*

From Spark to Spade

By Myken McDowell

When the Alberta constituency voted in the fall of 2012 to expand Mamawi Atosketan Native School, the Alberta Conference embarked on its most ambitious building project ever. On May 25, 2016, that vision started to become a reality at the ground breaking for a high school that will change countless lives.



MANS student participates in the powwow feature wearing traditional Cree regalia. (photo by Crux Phiri)

Some thought the brief interlude of brilliant sunshine in what was otherwise a grey and rainy week a sign from Heaven. There was an air of excitement and “Mamawi Atosketn” (“Working Together”) as donors, Conference leaders, dignitaries, students, and teachers past and present picked up shovels to break ground for an Adventist high school that is a beacon of hope for aboriginal young people and their families.

“I’m so grateful for what this school has done for my children,” says Levi Nepoose, whose children wouldn’t think of going anywhere else. Nepoose worked tirelessly to organize the powwow feature for the day, using his personal connections as a well-known powwow dancer to bring in an internationally-known aboriginal drum group, Northern Cree. “I don’t have much money,”

continues Nepoose, who earns his livelihood as a traditional craftsman, “but this is something I can do to give back.”

Special music by MANS parent and gospel singer Ruby Cutknife and prayers in English (MANS chaplain Dan Guiboche) and Cree (former Samson Band counselor and elder Rose Saddleback) invoked the presence of the Creator before spades went into the ground. Michael Willing, vice principal for the high school, acknowledged special guests and dignitaries from the County of Ponoka, the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta, and the mayor of St. Albert who also spoke about the importance of the event. Campaign manager Lynn McDowell introduced Andrew Bartlett of the Canadian Welding Association Foundation, which is donating the equipment



for the welding component of the Industrial Arts Centre.

“We’ve looked forward to this day for a long time,” said President Ken Wiebe. “This is God’s project. It’s humbling to watch how He has led.”

See video from the Ground Breaking at Mamawi Atosketan’s Facebook page.

Samuel Minde, MANS parent and President and CEO of Neyaskweyahk Group of Companies for the Ermineskin Band shares his perspective. During his speech he expressed his gratitude toward the school for providing a safe and effective Christian learning environment for his children.

News from Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant

Architect Zayda Steinke shares insight into her design for the new high school and Industrial Arts Centre that incorporates nature and aboriginal elements. Of her design process she says, "Before everything, I say a prayer." Zayda's architectural drawings can be viewed at www.mans1.ca.



Levi Nepoose, the MANS parent who organized the powwow feature, dances in traditional Cree regalia he made himself.



The Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant group just completed their 3rd Depression Recovery program. There was a wonderful graduation meal prepared for the 30 people in attendance. "It's great to hear the

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testimonies and praises from our attendees who have experienced such dramatic benefits from applying God's simple Biblical health principles," says Darrell Beaudoin, pastor of the group. The next Depression Recovery program is scheduled to begin on September 19, 2016. Also, the Fort Saskatchewan Church just completed their 3rd trade show where they had a booth setup to display information about the church and its

programs. During the trade show, 250 individuals filled out information cards for a free draw. The most exciting part is that 108 of those who filled out the card requested more information about the Fort Saskatchewan Church programs. These requests will be followed up in the near future.

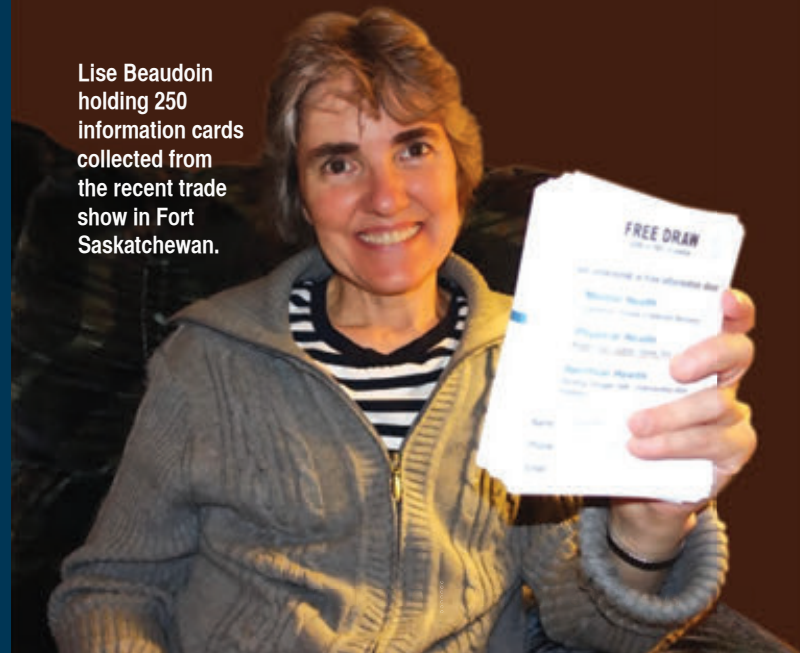


Alberta Conference Secretary Larry Hall (left) and President Ken Wiebe (right) break ground for the new high school and Industrial Arts Centre.



Founding donor and honorary campaign chair Larry Wilkins breaks ground for the new high school and Industrial Arts Centre alongside fellow founding donor Danny Chase (Chase Interiors, Vancouver).

Lise Beaudoin holding 250 information cards collected from the recent trade show in Fort Saskatchewan.



Individuals gathered for an outside church service in Yellowknife.



Beautiful sunset at Fred Henne Territorial Park, NWT.

Weekend Campout in Yellowknife

On Victoria Day weekend, May 20-22, the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church spent the weekend camping at Fred Henne Territorial Park. Guest speaker was Kevin Kiers, youth director for the Alberta Conference. Kiers shared about the Holy Spirit and encouraged each one

to experience a deeper walk with God.

A special highlight of the weekend was the fellowship with a group who joined the campout from the Morning Star Church in High Level, Alberta.

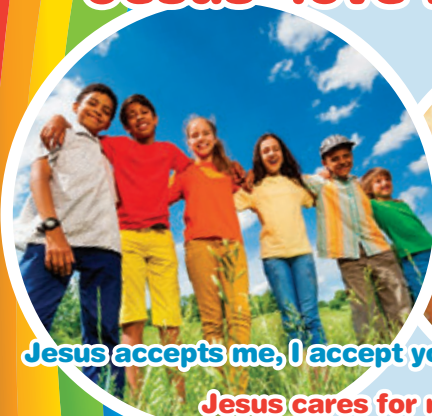
One church member described the event as “a very restorative weekend.”

“I was excited to see not just Adventists,

but community members there as well,” commented another member. “It was nice to have people bring their friends to church in the woods.”

Twenty people camped out for the weekend, and the group swelled to more than 50 for the worship service and barbecue that followed.

A new program where kids experience Jesus' love in a variety of unique ways!



Jesus accepts me, I accept you.

Jesus cares for me, I care for you.

Jesus is with me, I am with you.

Jesus forgives me, I forgive you.

Jesus believes in me, I believe in you.



Welcome to VBX, where kids learn about Jesus and experience His love in a variety of unique ways. This program focuses on the truth that “Jesus loves others through me.” Each day the kids will not only learn what it means for Jesus to love them, but how Jesus can use them to love others. They will discover what that looks like in their daily lives and how they can be better friends to those around them.



The kit is now available to all interested churches for a special introductory price until April 29, 2016. Kits must be ordered a month in advance to ensure availability for your church. To order a kit, please contact the Lacombe ABC by email at abclacombe@albertaadventist.ca or phone (403) 782-4416.

Baptisms at Edmonton Filipino Church

Dr. VicLouis Arreola III presented a nightly series from April 9-16 entitled, "Our Great Hope Today—Proclaiming God's Grace" at the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Arreola currently serves as director of Asian/Pacific Ministries for the North American Division. And just recently, he was invited to join the NAD Ministerial Department as it's Field Liaison to oversee the Lay Training for the Division. Two of the topics that Pastor Arreola presented were "Hope in God's Saving Grace" and concluded on Sabbath, April 16 with "Hope in Heaven's Reunion." Those who attended the nightly meetings were blessed with the message of hope that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

Each night, refreshments were served after the meetings for fellowship with members and visitors.

At the conclusion of the evangelistic series, four individuals were baptized by Pastor Ronald Yabut. Those that were baptized were: Geoffrey Cimatu, Rick Derzaph, Alvin Gerard Toca and Michael Cavanagh. There were also four individuals re-baptized: Andy Madbago and his wife Lerma Magbago, Rolando Bulahan and Pamela Dube, who came from Zimbabwe. Pastor Arreola and Pastor Kingsley Moyo assisted in the baptisms. The Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church is not just for Filipinos but everyone is welcome. It is for anyone who wants to follow the Lord and to have fellowship and be part of God's family.

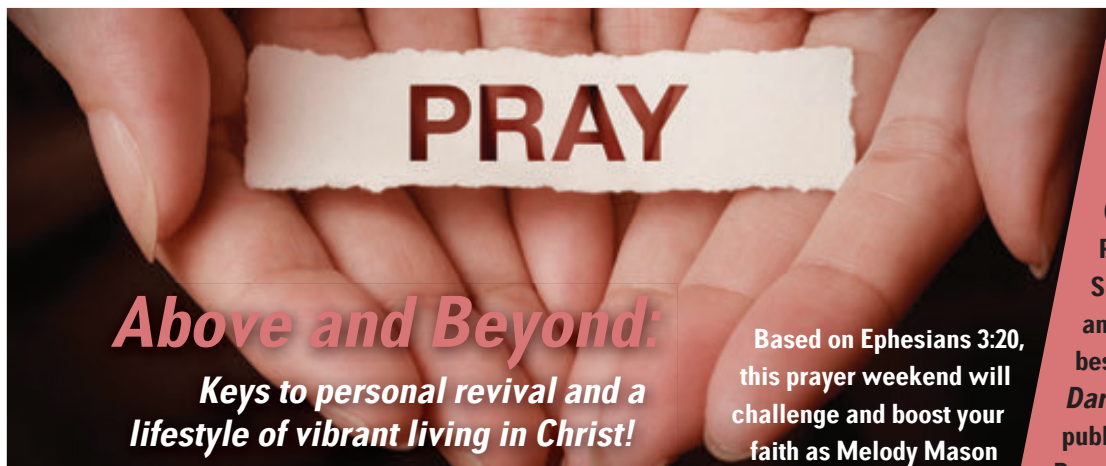
—Submitted by Bernardo Lacanilao, Elder



Baptisms at Edmonton Filipino Church, April 16, 2016 baptism: (Front row-left to right): Alvin Taco, Pamela Dube, Micheal Kavanagh, Geoffrey Cimatu, Rolando Magbago, Andy Magbago & Lerma Magbago. (Back row-left to right): Pastor Kingsley Moyo, Pastor Ron Yabut, Dr. V. Arriola, Rick Derzaph.



Michael Cavanagh baptized at Edmonton Filipino Church by Pastor Ronald Yabut.



PRAY

Above and Beyond:

Keys to personal revival and a lifestyle of vibrant living in Christ!

Calgary Prayer Summit
July 29-31, 2016

5pm Friday & 11:30am Sunday


Register before July 24. Tags will be provided to attendees. Healthy meal after the event.

Event will be held at Calgary Garden Road Adventist Church
155-100th Street NE, Calgary, AB, T1X 0L4
For more information please contact Honey Todd (403) 239.1857 htodd@albertaadventist.ca

Based on Ephesians 3:20, this prayer weekend will challenge and boost your faith as Melody Mason talks about how to take your relationship with God to the next level and go from being a spiritual dwarf to being a spiritual giant of faith. She will share inspiring testimonies and stories, as well as many practical tools and keys to grow your walk with God. Come prepared to be energized and refreshed!

EVENT IS FREE

Melody works with the General Conference Prayer Ministries in Silver Spring, MD, and is author of the bestselling book, *Daring to Ask for More*, published by Pacific Press in 2014.



Northern Mission Summit

Editors Note: Many of you may be unaware that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has appointed the Alberta Conference to be responsible for outreach in the Northwest Territories. In 1971, Alberta Conference personnel traveled to Yellowknife, NWT in preparation for developing a permanent mission there. Then in 1973, Maranatha International led in the construction of a new church-gym-manse complex as a hub for the mission work. For more information about the history of outreach in the Northwest Territories, please see the June 2015 edition of the Alberta Adventist News (AAN), p.34. Newly appointed pastor to Yellowknife, NWT, Jonathan Geraci, submitted the following article from the NWT.

“You can’t stay here any longer,” the house owner said through the door.

Where was I going to go? There was a blizzard outside. I’d come to this remote community to do Bible work. Now it was late at night and I had to find a new place to stay.

I was planning on staying with someone I met on Facebook in a new community in Nunavut. I had flown in early to make connections with people and was coming home later than I’d expected.

I was tired after a long day of walking and visiting in people’s homes. And now the door was locked.

“Can I at least pick up my things,” I replied.

The upset voice behind the door responded, “Well, make it quick!”

This is the life of Benton Lowe, a missionary in Nunavut.

Benton Lowe was one of several missionaries that the Yellowknife Seventh-day Adventist Church invited to the Northern Mission Summit, a four-weekend event that featured firsthand reports about what the Adventist church is doing to reach the Circumpolar Regions. Stories from across Alaska, Northern British Columbia, and Nunavut, Northwest Territories, created an enthusiasm among church members about the possibilities of reaching the North.

After each presentation, church members were given an opportunity to interact and reflect on the information given.

“Ministering doesn’t always mean an evangelistic series,” commented one member. “Every speaker mentioned the importance of long-term commitment.”

Another church member said, “This is not a one-month or a one-year mission trip. This is long term missionary service.”

After each presentation, church members informally discussed

what they could do with the new ideas that had been presented.

“What if we went to a nearby community and just hosted a meal in the park?”

“What if we started a Bible study group in the prison?”

“What if we started a youth ministry to reach out to homeless teens?”

By listening to these stories of sacrifice, defeat, and eventual divine appointments, Yellowknife members were inspired to go “be” the light in the local context where they were placed.

The Northern Mission Summit concluded May 14 with representatives from SULADS Canada, who presented “tangible examples of friendship ministry.” Using agriculture and providing positive experiences for young people, SULADS representatives have been able to connect and grow the church in an indigenous community in Northern British Columbia.

Also, that Sabbath, Pastor Ken Wiebe, Alberta Conference president, spoke about the importance of “stepping up to the plate” -- being active where God has called you to serve.

Unto the ends of the earth. Are we truly willing to get uncomfortable for the sake of the gospel? Sacrifice. Determination. Mission work. It’s not solely in a foreign country any longer. It is in our own backyard -- the Canadian North.

One church member commented, “The Northern Mission Summit gave us different perspectives. We were hearing reality. It was the strengths and failures of the missionaries to the North. And through it all we heard about sacrificial faith.”

While the Northern Mission Summit has ended, the work continues to reach 33 communities, 11 languages in an area more than a million square kilometres. The Northern Mission Advisory has



Benton Lowe, Missionary to Nunavut, spending time with some Yellowknife children.



Members of the Northern Mission Advisory planning a strategic initiative to spread the three angels message into the Northwest Territories.

met multiple times to work on developing a strategic initiative to expand the Three Angels Messages throughout this vast area in the Northwest Territories.

How can you become active in expanding the message of hope and wholeness throughout the Canadian North? Pray. Give. Go.

Pray. The work that lays before us is great, but we serve a greater God. Prayer warriors are needed that God will open up doors that we can enter communities and send missionaries.

Give. With the high cost of travel, basic necessities and food insecurities, financial resources are needed to expand the work in the North.

Go. Perhaps God is calling you to do something more. Perhaps you are interested in a long-term mission to the remotest part of Canada.

Thirty-three Communities, Eleven Languages, over a million square kilometres. The task before us is great. But we serve a greater God.

—Submitted by Jonathan Geraci, Yellowknife Adventist Church Pastor

What's it Mean to You?

“I serve a loving God, not a judging God.”

Fern Russell Heffernan,
Sign Language Interpreter
Edmonton, Alberta



Fern Russell Heffernan has been a sign language interpreter for more than 30 years. Her work has played, and continues to play an important role in her faith.

“I had the sort of childhood no parent wants for their children,” she reflects, “I didn’t know anything about Christ.”

Her decision to become a Christian was greatly influenced by a 13 year-old deaf girl she had been working with. “I figured if a 13 year old girl had more of her act together than I did, than I needed what she had, and that was Christ.”

Although Fern had been exposed to the Adventist message through her work many years ago, it wasn’t until the 2015 Evangelistic series in Edmonton that Fern made an important connection.

“Even after I became a Christian in 1991, I didn’t realize that the Seventh-day Adventist God was the same God,” Fern reflects. “The message I had been exposed to was very fundamental, very hell and brimstone—this was back in the mid-80s—so it was a very different presentation.”

Despite her reservations, something led her to turn down a theater-interpreting gig so that she could interpret the Evangelistic meetings last year. As she helped bring the message of hope and acceptance to hearing-impaired attendees, the message flowed through her fingers and into her heart.

“Three days into the one-month series, the Lord just spoke to me and I became a Sabbath keeper.”

Fern is forever grateful for the Deaf Ministry of the Conference that brought her to the realization that the Seventh-day Adventist God was indeed the same, loving God who helped the 13 year-old deaf girl lead her closer to Him.

The journey continues.

—Myken McDowell

**Alberta Conference Deaf Ministries
Your Tithe at Work**





Sabbath March 26, 2016 brought the Lloydminster/Bonnyville district together for a special Easter celebration in the Lloydminster church. Elliot Janvier and Ambur Marler were baptized prior to the worship service and voted into the membership of the Bonnyville Church on April 2, 2016.



What a special day it was, on February 6, when Kiana Clarke was baptized by Pastor Massiel Davila-Ferrer. The event was made even more special because the "Clarke quartet" sang a beautiful song together.

Vezo Gama publicly declared his loyalty to God through baptism on Sabbath, May 21. He has been attending the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church for one year and is studying at the University of Alberta. God's blessings to Vezo!



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Announcements

Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) Family Retreat

The Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) is a non-profit organization which began in Central Alberta. It was formed so the new Albertans of Caribbean descent in the area, and their children, had a forum to get together and fellowship, and appreciate their unique cultural background. The first family retreat was held on Labour Day weekend in 1978 at Foothills Camp. The organization became a registered entity in 1979. This year the annual retreat will be held



Pastor Michael B Kelly

September 2-5, 2016, as we celebrate 37 years. The guest speaker this year will be Pastor Michael B Kelly II. Pastor Kelly is the Senior Pastor at Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverside, California. Pastor Kelly is known to be an engaging and enthusiastic speaker. Join us at beautiful Foothills Camp September 2-5, 2016 for an exciting and dynamic spiritual weekend filled with fun, delicious foods and memorable moments. For more information, please visit www.mycaaa.ca.

The Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church 51st Session, October 2, 2016

Legal Notice

Legal Notice of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is hereby given that the 51st Session of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lacombe, Alberta on October 2, 2016. The Regular business meeting will be called at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 2, 2016.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider reports and financial statements, elect officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Conference for the ensuing term, to consider any proposed changes in the Bylaws, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the session.

The Bylaws provide for representatives from each duly organized church in the Alberta Conference as follows: one delegate per church without regard of membership, and one additional delegate for every fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

Ken Wiebe
President

Larry Hall
Secretary/Vice
President for
Administration

For the Love of Cars: Wetaskiwin Car Show



The Wetaskiwin Church will be sponsoring their first car show on Sunday, August 21. Registration is from 8-10 a.m. and costs \$10. Proceeds are going to the playground fund for Peace Hills Adventist School. The car show will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be prizes and an onsite concession. For more information, please e-mail carshowwetaskiwin@gmail.com



Announcements

Changes to the Mission Investment Program:

Kellogg's is no longer participating in the Mission Investment Program. Under the new program, Atlantic Natural Foods (ANF), has requested that the funds stay in the United States. This means that the mission investment emphasis will be terminated to give way to the Label Program. Churches can still collect labels and report quantities back to their conference. The conference will then report to ANF, and a check will be sent to

the conference. The conference can use the funds at their discretion. All label funds now stay in the local conference. For more information, please contact Nwamiko Madden by email at nmadden@albertaadventist.ca or by phone at (403) 342-5044, ext. 211.

Summer Camp: Foothills Camp is a place where you BELONG! Make new friends that last a lifetime in a safe, caring environment with our highly trained staff. Kids

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Calgary Prayer Summit entitled, *Above and Beyond: Keys to Personal Revival and a Lifestyle of Vibrant Living in Christ* will be held at the Calgary Garden Road Church (155-100th St. NE, Calgary), July 29-31, 2016. Guest speaker is Melody Mason who works with Prayer Ministries at the GC and authored the book *Daring to Ask for More*, published by the Pacific Press in 2014. Register for this free event before July 24. For more information, please contact Honey Todd by email at htodd@albertaadventist.ca or by phone at (403) 239-1857.

In memory



Douglas Roy Booth was born in Tofield Alberta, May 1, 1948 as the fourth child of Roland and Margaret Booth. After a long struggle with Multiple Systems Atrophy (MSA) he passed away at his place of residence in Sunrise Village of Camrose on April 15, 2016. Doug always had the wellbeing and happiness of others as his priority. He blessed many services and people with his musical ability on the piano, organ and trumpet. Doug is survived by his wife Judy; son Shawn Booth (fiancée Betty); father Roland Booth; sisters Vera (Clarence) Hyde, Jeanne (Martin) Strahan, Grace (Glen) McAfee; brothers Gordon (Nancy) Booth, Lorne (Gail) Booth, John (Patti) Booth, Bruce (Alisa) Booth, Kevin (Kerryn) Booth; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by daughter Janelle; mother Margaret Booth; and sister -in-law Kay (John) Booth.

MANS CREE CAMP

AT CAMP MEETING 2016

This summer, explore First Nations culture and Mamawi Atosketan Native School in a new way!

- **International Food Fair**

Dig into traditional “Moose Stew” and bannock (vegan—no moose harmed!) for lunch on Sunday.

- **Big Elk Cultural Teepee**

Get up close to fine traditional beadwork, baskets and real animal pelts.

- **White Buffalo “Bridge” Teepee**

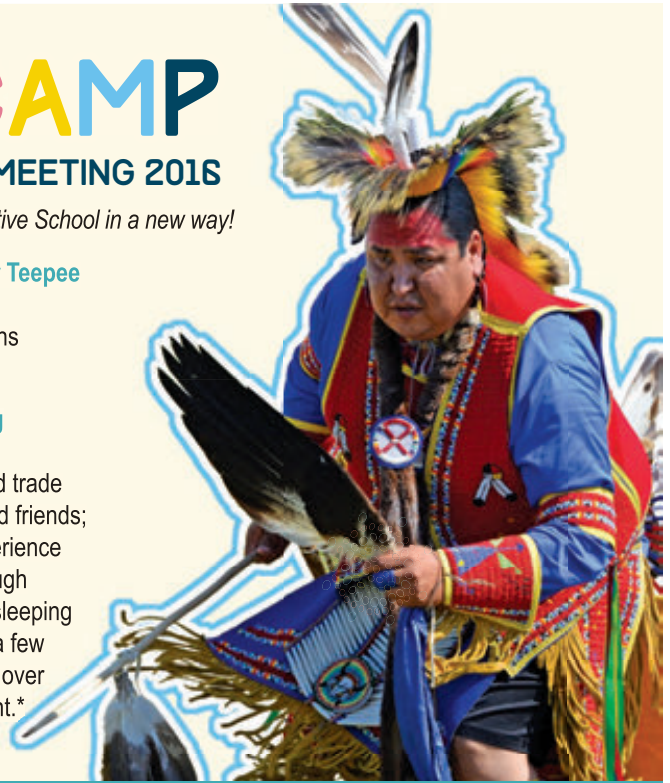
See the May 25 Ground Breaking for MANS’ high school and industrial arts building, meet MANS student in videos, and chat with staff about the new high school.

- **Smiling Wolf Explorer Teepee**

Make your own craft modeled on First Nations artwork and methods.

- **Young Deer Gathering Place Teepee**

By day, relax inside and trade stories with new and old friends; stay the night and experience a traditional spruce bough “mattress” under your sleeping bag, and maybe toast a few modern marshmallows over the fire outside your tent.*



*To book a night of traditional camping for your “tribe,” contact Gina Guiboche, MANS Cree Camp Director by phone (306) 941-7858 or by email: ginaguiboche@burmanu.ca. Camping Fee will go to help build the new Mamawi Atosketan Native School high school building and Industrial Arts Centre. Availability: Sunday July 17th to Saturday July 23rd.

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Inspirational SUPER MANS

Great Things from the Grass Roots

Thembie Dlodlo (bottom) and classmates Matthew Carr and Matio Asante pose with the SUPER MANS (Pastor Lyle Notice) at their CHCS cupcake sale.



It started with a note in the offering bucket last Camp Meeting. Bea Hymanyk, her son Donald Hymanyk, and Audry Striegl took the time to include a short explanation about the cheque they'd enclosed. The friends, who are expert pyrogy makers, sold their hand-crafted pillows of home-made goodness at a local market to help build Mamawi Atosketan Native School's new high school. Keith Richter, the Conference treasurer, was touched—and so was I.

Then the Edmonton South Church launched an initiative to involve whole families in projects to benefit Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). Suddenly, it seemed, everyone wanted to do something for MANS! And so SUPER MANS was born: Small (& Smart) Useful People Expanding Resources for MANS.

Here's a sample of the resourcefulness that SUPER Adventists—Smart Useful People Expanding Resource—are employing.

Cupcakes with a Cause—The Grade 4 class at College Heights Christian School took cupcake art to the next level at their “cupcakes only” bake sale. Teacher Charissa Hawes, who organized the event, scooped the SUPER MANS cut out from the Alberta Conference office, allowing many students to “become” SUPER MANS, which added to the fun. It was a jaw-dropping moment for Thembie Dlodlo, who was serving cupcake purchasers, when SUPER MANS strode down the hall. “I can’t believe it’s SUPER MANS!” she said.

"Thank you for not giving up on me," said MANS Class of 2016 graduate Averie Omeasoo in her speech at MANS second high school graduation on May 18.



Oreo Pops Pop Up.

The Pen that's Mightier than the Sword

Using his skill at turning out beautiful, hand turned fountain pens, Brent Kopick makes pens to his customer's specifications. These aren't just everyday writing tools: they're works of art!

Oreo Pops Pop Up—Running with the urban "pop up" limited-time sales concept so popular with trendy young entrepreneurs, a group of Burman University students created Oreo Pops that students and faculty could send to others around campus.

Saving the Environment with Moss—Sphagsorb is Nakita Greaves' project to do double good: the eco-friendly product made from sphagnum moss to absorb toxic spills such as oil and paint helps clean up the environment AND build MANS' high school. See Nakita talk about getting involved in SUPER MANS in her video on the SUPER MANS tab at www.mans1.ca.

Church "Adoptions"—The Seniors Club of Edmonton Central put their baking and craft-making skills to work, and churches like Onoway and Ryley have "adopted" MANS as their church school, dedicating The Children's Offering or other group contributions to MANS.

Adventurers Venture into New Territory—The Bridgeland Orion and Cornerstone Shiloh Adventurer clubs joined forces with the "big kids", Builders in the Pathfinder world, in their Feb. 27 "SUPERMANS NIGHT". Families prepared food items for sale, the Builders did face painting and sold pencils, erasers and other items, and a donated mountain time share drew lots of interest! The night was topped off by an Adventurers talent show of music and stories at which an offering was taken. Earlier that day, Bridgeland's Orions had a "Operation Good Samaritan" Adventurer Club meeting where kids put together packages for the Mamawi Atosketan children ages 5-10. Talk about fun Adventures (or Adventurers) in faith and character building!

The list could go on. When it comes to SUPER MANS and the Faith Hall of Fame, Alberta Adventists are displaying creativity and dedication. The reward—moving God's children at MANS forward—is priceless.

DID YOU KNOW?

The 2016 Moses Strategy Celebration at Foothills Camp Meeting moves to a new time! The annual reception for people interested in what wills and a little tax planning could do to make their donations go farther will be held on Monday, July 18 at 1:45 p.m. in the Lower Lodge. Take in the display of wildlife paintings by former Review & Herald illustrator Jeanie Spratt ("AJ McCoy"), who's found a brilliant way to turn her talent into a planned gift, and stay to hear Darren Swann of MNP on the latest tax changes that affect you. **The 2016 Nicodemus Award** winner will be announced during the reception.



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Fun Run



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Family Day Worship

Where's **MANS?**



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Foothills Camp Meeting
Sunday, July 17

SUPER MANS touches down at Alberta Camp Meeting on Family Day.

Come meet him—or be him at the **SUPER MANS** cut out photo site in the **MANS** Cree Camp



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