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### NEWS

#### [Correction to Pastoral Changes](#)

Pastor David Rogers will not be transferring from Toronto East to Brampton as reported in last week's OCN. He will be the senior pastor of Mt. Olive, replacing Pastor Ken Campbell.

#### [Brampton and Mount Zion Dominate 2010 Bible Bowl](#)

*July 29, 2010, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN*

Bible Bowl teams from Brampton and Mount Zion Churches continue their dominance of the annual Bible Bowl tournament, hosted by the Youth Department of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at, each coming first in two of five categories.

The finals of the two-week tournament was held at Malton Adventist Church on Sabbath afternoon, July 24, 2010.

Brampton was placed first in the Junior Youth (age 10-15) and Adult (35+), second in the Senior Youth (age 16-22) and third in the Young Adult (age 23-35) categories. Mount Zion was placed first in Pre-Junior (age 6-9) and Senior Youth (age 16-19); second in the Young Adult (age 23-35) and third in the Junior Youth (age 10-15) categories.

Host church, Malton's win in the Young Adult's category thwarted a clean sweep of first place by Brampton and Mount Zion.

Philadelphia Adventist Church entered the tournament and made it to the finals with a two-man team in the Pre-Junior (age 6-9) category but was edged into second place by Mount Zion's full strength four-man team.

Youth director, Pastor Cyril Millett, was visibly pleased with the tournament and expressed his appreciation for the effort the teams made. "Our young people have once again demonstrated their excellent ability to study God's Word," he said, "and then being able to accurately answer very difficult questions. I'm proud of each person and congratulate each team on their achievement."

According to Millett, the winners of each category will represent the Ontario Conference in the International Bible Bowl Championship to be held in Toronto during October 22-24, 2010.

Bible Bowl participants are required to study set books of the Bible for months and then work as part of a four-person team within an age category to answer questions based on the set books of the Bible. The books for 2011 are now available from the Youth Department of the Ontario Conference and will shortly be posted on the conference website.

*Halsey Peat*

### **New Adventist President Envisions a Church Marked by Prayer, Revival**

*28 Jul 2010, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, Elizabeth Lechleitner/ANN*

In his first address to employees at Seventh-day Adventist world church headquarters, church President Ted N. C. Wilson outlined a strategic plan for the denomination meant to spur a renewal of members' commitment to the church's mission.

An emphasis on personal and corporate prayer and the launch of a Revival and Reformation Committee at church headquarters featured prominently in the plan.

The belief that Christians cannot "hasten or delay" the Second Coming is a misconception, Wilson said. While the "manufacture" of programs or activities at church headquarters cannot "force" Christ's return, a "revival of true godliness" and "humble submission to God" among Christians can, he said, citing a quote by church co-founder Ellen G. White.

In the New Testament book of Acts, Wilson said the apostles are described as being "of one accord" and "in one place" -- conditions he cited as responsible for the outpouring of God's spirit. God is looking for a similar mindset among Adventists today, he said.

Wilson said he recently received an email in which someone expressed concern that a push for revival among Adventists might usher in legalism or an exclusivist spirit.

Not so, Wilson assured more than 400 employees gathered in the auditorium of church headquarters today for the address. "This is not a legalistic message; this is a message of love, of hope and of encouragement ... God has given us this message, and we are to share it, being as inclusive as possible," he said.

Sharing that message hinges on prayer, Wilson said, urging employees to embrace an emphasis on personal and corporate prayer.

"You are dedicated, educated, consecrated people," Wilson said, "but if we're not praying in humility ... our talents are worth virtually nothing,"

No single prayer style is mandatory, Wilson said. "If you don't feel comfortable praying out loud, you don't have to -- you can just pray in your own mind. We're not trying to force people into a certain 'shoe' and make it fit. But we're to pray. I don't know what people do without prayer," he said.

Prayer is also expected to punctuate the meetings of the new Revival and Reformation Committee, Wilson said. "Don't let the name put you off. Committees don't necessarily kill everything," he said. The committee is expected to gather "earnest" people striving to "help God's people prepare a setting for [his] spirit to do his work," Wilson said.

Armando Miranda, a world church general vice president, was named chair of the committee, with recently retired General Vice President Mark Finley serving as vice-chair in his new role as an assistant to the president for evangelism.

Wilson outlined some specific expectations for the next five years. He introduced the launch of international Bible and mission conferences, hubs where pastors, teachers, Health Ministries workers and others can convene to study the bible together to better grasp the church's "spiritual destiny." Ideally, Wilson said, the meetings will spur outreach. "We're not just to sit there and draw everything in, but to go out," he said.

The next five years will also see a continued emphasis on outreach through technology, Wilson said, citing the impact of the Hope Channel, Adventist World Radio, the Global Internet Evangelism Network and the church's many Web-based ministries.

Wilson said the church under his watch would also safeguard core emphases such as Adventist education and Health Ministries. "Redoubling" the Connecting with Jesus project, in which Ellen G. White books are distributed to members worldwide, is also a priority, he said. Headquarters employees participated in the project this morning -- a collection was taken to send copies of White's book *The Great Controversy* to every household in the surrounding postal district.

Wilson also said involving young people in the church's mission was his goal -- "not just putting them on a committee, but going far beyond that."

A focus on both evangelism and stewardship is expected to be the catalyst for the church's success the next five years, Wilson said. "When you have those two things heading in the right direction, everything else falls into place."

The strategic plan is not comprehensive or concrete, and is open to suggestion, Wilson said. "The Adventist Church is not an organization that promotes 'kingly power.' We don't just have someone at the head who says, 'That's it, do it,' and it happens ... The best way is to come together in prayer in a setting where a multitude of counsellors brings wisdom," he said.

Soliciting the prayers and participation of employees as the church moves forward, Wilson said he wanted "open communication" throughout the building and the church. "My office is open. If you have an idea or suggestion -- I don't care how small or large it is -- you can contact me and talk to me."

## No OCN until August 19

**Please note that there will not be any further issues of OCN until Thursday, August 19.**

## North American Division Events

### Annual Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day (APED) August 28

This year for the annual APED, Women's Ministries is collaborating with ADRA's **enditnow** campaign to end violence against women and girls. The initial goal of **enditnow** is to collect 1 million signatures to present to the United Nations in October, to make it clear that Adventists want the violence to end now.

To download a suggested Sabbath program with sermon, children's story, and PowerPoint presentation entitled, "God's Holy Temple: To Protect and Respect," visit [nadwm.org/article.php?id=39](http://nadwm.org/article.php?id=39)

In addition, you can go to [www.enditnow.org](http://www.enditnow.org) to download the **enditnow** petition forms, a sample video trailer and other resources. Petition signatures could be collected in the foyer of the church, especially on APED, or in the community at any time.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Seventh-day Adventist"

The White Estate invites Adventists worldwide to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the name "Seventh-day Adventist" on Sabbath, October 2, 2010. Although the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was not organized until 1863, the name Seventh-day Adventist was formally voted on October 1, 1860, for use by the fledgling church's publishing house as well as for its local congregations. For more information visit [www.150SDA.org](http://www.150SDA.org)

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### July 30-31

#### Toronto West Homecoming Weekend

Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church hosts **'Homecoming Weekend: Glimpses of Eternity'** with special guest speaker, Dr. Mansfield Edwards, and special musical guests, Hanson Place Male Chorus from Brooklyn, NY.

**Friday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m.** features "Meet with the President" with Dr. Edwards who will be answering questions pertaining to youth issues.

**Sabbath, July 31 at 10:45 a.m.** features inspiring midday service features followed in the afternoon at **5:00 p.m.** by the inauguration of the "Lifelong Centre for Learning." We look forward to seeing you there! Lunch is provided for out-of-town guests. For more info, please call 416-401-0030 and visit: [www.torontowestsda.org](http://www.torontowestsda.org)

### July 30-August 1

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sabbath School Seminar

Sabbath School Dept. of Ontario Conference is having 3-day seminar, "21<sup>st</sup> Century Sabbath School", from July 30 to August 1.

**Location: Kingsway College Chapel, 1200 Leland Rd.**

Accommodations is available at Kingsway College by reservation only.

For information and registration, please go to at [www.adventistontario.org](http://www.adventistontario.org)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Errol Lawrence.

Guest speaker: Pastor Frank D. Bondurant of the Columbia Union.  
**Registration deadline: July 16, 2010.**

For questions or additional information, contact Verna Storaune at  
[vstoraune@adventistontario.org](mailto:vstoraune@adventistontario.org)

**July 31**  
**Christian Youth Sports Academy Sports Rally**

"The Race Has Already Begun"  
McVety Conference Centre  
50 Gervais Drive, Eglinton/Don Mills

Keynote Speaker is the dynamic Rashad Burden, Cleveland, USA 2010 Just Claim It Conference youth speaker and Oakwood University graduate.

9:30 a.m. – Sports team/fans - unite in session  
10:45 a.m. - Special service  
5:30 p.m. – Concert, scholarship & trophy presentation (come support our coaches and respective track teams).

Pathfinder Drill Competition to follow immediately.

Stay tuned for CYSA Relay Classic August 29, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.  
At York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto  
Admission: \$2

**August 29**  
**Opportunity at Kingsway College**

Be fearless and come experience God at Kingsway College, long term eternal benefits are waiting for you. Contact us about attending Kingsway College's **FIRST WEEK FOR FREE** program.

Opportunities to attend Kingsway College for the 2010-2011 school year are still available. Get started on this exciting journey and experience the possibilities.  
Dormitory move-in date is Sunday, August 29, 2010  
**First day of school begins Monday, August 30, 2010**

For more information, log on to our website at [www.kingswaycollege.on.ca](http://www.kingswaycollege.on.ca).  
Contact us in the Enrolment Services Department:  
Chris Guarin-Adap, assistant at 905-433-1144 Ext. 211  
Remy Guenin, director at 905-433-1144 Ext. 212  
By e-mail at: [admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca](mailto:admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca)

**August 29-September 6**  
**Adventist Book Centre Closing from August 29 until September 6**

The Adventist Book Centre is installing a new operating/inventory system on our computers in order to serve you better. Both the Oshawa and Willowdale ABC's need to be closed while training and installation takes place for this system. The dates that we will be closed will be from August 29 until September 6 inclusive. The ABC suggests that you make note of these dates and take care of your orders and purchases well beforehand.

**August 13 & 14**

## **Second Year Couple Retreat**

This is an especial invitation to all Spanish- speaking couples and anyone who understands Spanish are welcome to be part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year couple seminar/retreat. It will be held on August 13, 2010, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Center, 6675 Burtwistle Ln, London, ON N6H1H5.

Cost: \$180.00 which includes breakfast, snacks, lunch, banquet dinner on Saturday & material.

Room rental: \$100 per night (optional).

This year's speakers are Pastor Jorge & Nybia Mayer. Pastor Mayer is serving in the Southern Union Conference as the Hispanic Ministries director and Church Ministries Associate director. Pastor Mayer has a PhD in Counselling & Family Education. And Nybia has a certification in Family Live and also a registered nurse.

For more Info please contact Anna Perez at 519-913-2279 or [ggap@mac.com](mailto:ggap@mac.com)  
Pastor Rudy: email [ralvir@adventistlondon.ca](mailto:ralvir@adventistlondon.ca)

## **August 28**

### **Southern & Western Youth/Young Adult Leadership Training Rally**

In preparation for the Year of the Youth Evangelism 2011, we are inviting all the youth/young adults of your church to the upcoming Southern & Western Youth/Young Adult Leadership Training Rally. This event will be held on Sabbath, August 28, 2010, at the Kitchener-Waterloo Seventh-day Adventist Church.

There will be two excellent presentations in the morning, one during the Sabbath School time and the other during the main service. Our dynamic keynote speaker for the day will be Sung Kwon. Pastor Kwon served as youth pastor in the Ohio Conference and later as the associate pastor for Miracle Temple Adventist Church in Allegheny East Conference among denominational responsibilities. He currently serves as the national executive director of the North American Division Adventist Community Services.

Lunch will be provided for a donation of \$5. After lunch there will be leadership workshops from 2:30 to 5:30 pm.

## **September 11**

### **The University of Southern Caribbean's Annual Alumni Day**

The University of Southern Caribbean, formerly known as (Caribbean Union College), will be holding its Annual Alumni Day celebration on September 11, 2010, at the Ashbury & West United Church, 3180 Lawrence Ave at Bathurst & Lawrence. Our speaker will be Pastor Allan Chichester from the Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our Service will commence from 10.00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. We are inviting all Alumni, friends and family to fellowship with us on that day. For further information, please contact: Grace Ahyoung-Alexander, (416-494-6308), Claudia De Leon 416-609-8693 or Dr. Fitzroy Maitland 905-528-7425.

## **November 5 & 6**

### **Agape Temple Celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Attention all past members of Agape Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pickering Ontario. Agape Temple will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and we are looking for all persons who were members between 1990 (inception), to present. You are cordially invited to come celebrate with us, as we reflect on the past and look forward to where the Lord is going to lead us in the future as we anticipate His glorious return. Please call 905-837-1892 (church) for more information or to express your well wishes.

Hoping to see you all as we "Homeward Bound."

## OTHER ADS

### Job Opportunity at Kingsway College

Kingsway College, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding high school in Ontario, Canada, is searching for a director of Development. This position is responsible for implementing a comprehensive alumni and donor relations program. This position is also responsible for growing philanthropic support through a comprehensive annual giving program and also provides leadership and facilitates the efforts of the Alumni Association. Candidates must have a Bachelors degree and 3-5 years fundraising experience. The successful candidate must be very organized with strong writing and verbal skills. Applicants should contact Scott Bowes, 1200 Leland Rd., Oshawa, ON L1K 2H4. Phone 905-433-1144 ext. 217; fax 905-433-1156 or e-mail bowess@kingswaycollege.on.ca

### Available Venue for Events for Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs

Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs, Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Avenue West, is available for events on the following dates. These are all Sundays. The available time is strictly from 1 pm to 5 pm. The cost per Sunday is \$150.00. Payment must be in at Ontario Conference before confirmation of booking. To cancel, 7 days notice is required. To book, contact Pastor Edwin Martin at the conference office: 905-571-1022 ext. 223 or email [emartin@adventistontario.org](mailto:emartin@adventistontario.org).  
**2010:** August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5, September 12, September 26, October 24, October 31, November 28.

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