



## Ontario Conference News

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### NEWS

#### Ontario Conference Nominating Committee Selected

*April 6, 2009, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN*

The election, yesterday, of the 20-member Nominating Committee heralded the countdown for the Thirtieth-second Constituency Meeting of the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be held in early July.

Sixteen men and four women were chosen by the delegates of the Organising Committee in what one delegate described as "one of the best meetings I've ever attended". Other delegates expressed similar opinions as they reflected on the good order and spirit of cooperation that existed. Pastor Wesley Torres of Hamilton Mountain summed up the mood of the delegation when, at the conclusion of the meeting, he addressed the chair and expressed his appreciation for how well the meeting had been conducted.

The meeting of 132 delegates took place on Sunday morning in the chapel of the ladies dormitory on the campus of Kingsway College. It was facilitated by Pastors Daniel Jackson and Nilton Amorim, president and executive secretary, respectively, of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

**The names chosen to serve on the nominating committee are:**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Campbell, Leo      | 11. Lewis, Chester     |
| 2. Catangay, Daniel   | 12. Mezquita, Oswaldo  |
| 3. Chin, Carl         | 13. Myrie, Nyrval      |
| 4. Christian, Pauline | 14. Robinson, Uton     |
| 5. Grant, Gerry       | 15. Ryan, George       |
| 6. Hall, Ron          | 16. Smith, Esmond      |
| 7. Harrison, Terrance | 17. Torres, Wesley     |
| 8. Lazarus, Frankie   | 18. Vallieres, Phyllis |
| 9. Lazarus, Margaret  | 19. Wilson, Lloyd      |
| 10. Levterov, Todor   | 20. Williams, Suzette  |

The Bylaws Committee was also voted.

The Nominating Committee is due to have its first meeting in early May.

**Adventist Church Finance Report Highlights Giving Patterns, Economy's Impact**

*April 7, 2009, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, Ansel Oliver/ANN*

Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders continue to monitor the economy as it relates to tithing patterns and how the world headquarters reacts to the current economic situation.

In a report to the world church's Executive Committee Sunday, April 5, finance officers revealed savings from a hiring freeze, demonstrated how exchange rates have affected world tithe.

The world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, continues to operate under its expense cap of 2 percent of world tithe. Last year it came in at about US\$35.3 million, or about 15 percent under its cap.

Headquarters has saved an annualized net of about \$1.6 million recently by leaving some 20 employment vacancies unfilled. A 20-percent reduction in travel and a reduction of overall budgeted expenses have saved an additional \$1.4 million.

Adventist world church Treasurer Robert Lemon noted a 5 percent decrease in the U.S. dollar amount of tithes and offerings received by the church's headquarters during the fourth quarter of 2008 compared to the same quarter of 2007.

"Part of that is due to changes in the exchange rates, but some of it is due to actual decreases in tithes and offerings in the U.S. because of the economy," Lemon told committee members.

Lemon noted that it's not yet possible to confirm the tithe and offering trend as a comparison between the first quarters of 2008 and 2009. While totals for the first quarter of 2009 are still coming in, a valid comparison of the first two months of the quarter is not possible as there are different numbers of Sabbaths involved.

But when totalled, those figures could affect the world headquarters further. In February, Lemon told employees that a continuing decline in the U.S. dollar value of tithes and offerings by 5 percent would mean a reduction in the operating expense cap of \$2 million and a loss of \$8 million to the world budget.

Committee members heard one statistic that demonstrates a worldwide church growth and giving pattern: Since its beginning, the Adventist Church has always received more tithe from its North American region than from the other 12 regions combined. But last year, that changed -- gross tithe from North America totalled \$894 million and tithe from other regions totalled \$1.04 billion.

Still, North America contributes about 63 percent when combining tithes and offerings. More specifically, about 13 percent is from members in the church's Southern region of the U.S. and about 12 percent is from the Pacific region of the U.S. Overall world tithe in 2008 totalled \$1.93 billion, up 8.5 percent over 2007, despite the troubled economy. Church administrators said, however, that about 43 percent of that increase in U.S. dollar terms was due to fluctuating exchange rates for world currencies.

Mission offerings from North America in 2008 totalled \$23.7 million, down from \$24.1 million in 2007. But mission offerings from other regions were up substantially to \$44.7 million in 2008, up from \$38.1 million in 2007. As was the case with tithe, about half of that increase was due to exchange rates, Lemon said.

Treasurers also briefed Executive Committee members on funds for which investment managers at headquarters are responsible, which total about \$295 million and include operating expenses, allocated project funds, endowments and extraordinary tithe. That extraordinary tithe was received from a single source, with \$90.4 million contributed in 2007 and \$11.3 million in 2008.

About 11 percent of the church's Operating Fund is invested in stocks, while 89 percent is in fixed income investments. None of the extraordinary tithe was invested in stocks.

For 2008, total investments yielded a negative return of \$7.6 million, or a 2.6 percent loss, but a positive return was experienced on the extraordinary tithe from low-interest savings.

*For a copy of the treasurer's report to the Executive Committee at Spring Meeting and the church's combined financial statements for 2008, email [adventistnews@gc.adventist.org](mailto:adventistnews@gc.adventist.org)*

*Source: Adventist News Network*

## COMING EVENTS

### **March 28 - May 2** **Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting**

Hamilton East is preparing for "Revelation Speaks Hope." Evangelist, Pastor Donville Cooper, will be presenting life-changing messages from the book of Revelation. We invite you to join us beginning March 28th - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:15 - 8:30. The meetings will be held Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. We will also be blessed with up-lifting gospel music provided by singing evangelist Janet Blake.

### **April 5- April 30**

### **CHIP at Sarnia**

The Sarnia Adventist Church is having a CHIP program from April 5 to April 30, 2003. it will run from Monday to Thursday from 6:30 pm. to 9:30 pm. for four weeks. The first health screen will be on April 5 and the second health screen on May 3. For more information please contact Don or Faye Horricks at 519-845-0009.

**April 10 & 11**  
**Easter Celebration at Apple Creek**

You are cordially invited to Apple Creek's Easter celebration, April 10 -11, 2009 with keynote speakers: Senior Pastor Dr. Mansfield Edwards, Pastor Omar Palmer and Pastor Kenton Perrin.

**April 10-12**  
**Homecoming at Shiloh**

The Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church, located at 1090 Bellamy Road, Scarborough (416-431-5048), cordially invites everyone to a special week-end Home Coming Celebration at their newly acquired church home.

The weekend activities begin on Friday, April 10, at 7:30p.m., and ends on Sunday, April 12, at 6:30p.m. A special luncheon feast will be prepared just for you!! Without you, this day won't be the same!!!!

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Kendalwood Voices of Praise invites you to the Musical Drama "The Day He Wore My Crown". On April 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm, With the Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Drama Group from Montreal and solo artist Norwill Simmonds. Come and enjoy this spirit-filled evening of music.

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**April 11 to May 2**  
**Evangelistic Series at Kingsview Village Church**

Bring your family and friends to be taught and inspired by the "Words of Hope for the Family Bible Series" at Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church from April 11 to May 2, 2009. Come out and hear special guest speaker Pastor Anthony M. Reid

Speak about how to strengthen family relationships with topics such as: How to Keep Your Lover? Loving Your Spouse with Your Senses, Know the Family You Marry, Talk to Me Please! and more. The series will also feature pre-marital/marital counselling, a children's program, health presentations, Bible quizzes, as well as prizes and surprises.

**What:** Words of Hope for the Family Bible Series

**Where:** Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church  
(70 Kingsview Blvd, Etobicoke, ON M9R 1T9 - one light north of Kipling Ave. & Dixon Rd.)

[Click here for map.](#)

**When:** April 11 to May 2, 2009

Every night except Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

**For more info:** 416-245-6863 or [info@kingsviewsdachurch.org](mailto:info@kingsviewsdachurch.org)

**Starting April 17**

**East Central 2009 Prayer Conference**

**“The Unchangeable Christ in a Changing World”**

We invite you and your friends to a weekend of prayer with **guest speaker Chaplain Barry Black, United States Senate**, starting Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 18, at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 am., Kendalwood Church, 300 Kendalwood Road, Whitby.

Following the Sabbath program, **Michael Harris will be in concert at 7:30 pm.** For more information and tickets, please contact Michael Stewart at (905) 725-7121. Tickets **will not be sold** at the door.

**April 24, 25**

**Free Adult Sabbath School Summit at the GC Headquarters**

Adult Sabbath School Summit, April 24, 25, 2009, at the General Conference Headquarters for Sabbath School leaders: Free registration is at [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) (we need to know how many persons to prepare free food and free materials for). Please register before April 10, 2009 (as close as possible to right now is preferable). For further information, please contact Pastor Wayne Martin, Sabbath School director at the Ontario Conference, [wmartin@adventistontario.org](mailto:wmartin@adventistontario.org); 905-571-1022; ext. 105.

**April 25**

**(NEW VENUE) Singles Conference at Wellspring Worship Centre**

**Singles Conference!** Bring a friend April 25, 2009 to this year's Singles Conference at **NEW VENUE!** Wellspring Worship Centre, 89 Centre Avenue, North York. Featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Marc Woodson, nutrition consultant Beverly Edwards-Miller, Pastors John Scott and Oleg Zhigankov, and Genifer Husbands. Vegetarian lunch buffet included. **To register, visit [www.plusline.org/events.php](http://www.plusline.org/events.php) or call**

**1-800-732-7587. Registration due April 15.** Sponsored by Ontario Conference Family Ministries.

**April 25, 27, 29; May 2, 4, 6, 9**

**Evangelistic Meetings at Lily of the Valley**

Lily of the Valley group will hold an Evangelism with the theme: **Mystery of the Cross**. The dates are: **April 25, 27, 29; May 2, 4, 6, 9**. Venue: **St. David & St. Martin Lutheran Church. 444 St. Laurent Blvd. Ottawa Ontario**. Presenter is Pastor Eduardo Monteiro. Everybody is welcome.

**April 26, 2009**

**GTA Adventist Community Services Leadership Workshop with Halsey Peat**

This exciting and dynamic leadership workshop for ACS leaders and associates will provide insights into functioning effectively in your ACS ministry. This is a must-attend for ACS leaders and associates. You will find something of value to you whether you are newly into office or a seasoned ACS veteran.

Date/Time: Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 1 PM

Location: The GTA Adventist Community Services Centre,  
150 Bentworth Ave., Toronto, On

Cost: Free

Registration: Please call Joan Garraway-Hampden at 905-432-1574 or email Vaughn Berkeley [pr@gtaacsf.org](mailto:pr@gtaacsf.org)

**May 1-3**

**(NEW VENUE) Young Women's Retreat at Carriage Ridge Resort & Pine Ridge Ski Club**

***Confidence, friendship and a relationship with God. A Girl's Gotta Have It!*** Girls, join us for the **2009 Young Women's Retreat** at **NEW VENUE!** Carriage Ridge Resort & Pine Ridge Ski Club on May 1-3, 2009. Have fun with your girlfriends and learn to know yourself and God better. Speakers, Beverly Regoso, Dr. Paulette Higgins and Maria McClean, are excited to share with you some tips on healthy, spiritual living and creating lasting, meaningful relationships. Bus from Yorkdale Mall available for small fee. **To register and view a flyer, visit [www.PlusLine.org/events.php](http://www.PlusLine.org/events.php) or call 1-800-732-7587. Earlybird deadline April 13. Final Registration due April 27.** Sponsored by Ontario Conference Women's Ministries.

**May 10**

**Youth Leadership Training**

To be held at Willowdale Church from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates:

**May 10** topics ~ (1) Youth Ministry Evangelism Plans and (2) Ministry to Students in Preparing for University.

**May 16**

**Homecoming at Woodbridge Church**

A homecoming day filled with praise and inspiration. Come as you are and experience a blessing!

Morning program starts 9:15am. Morning and afternoon guest speaker: G Ralph Thompson. (Keynote speaker at the General Conference session, June 2000)

Evening program starts 6:00pm

Gaither style homecoming concert

Evening Tickets for sale

Adults \$20, children \$5:00

For more details, call Megzie Campbel-Dailey: 905-882-7739

Venue for the day: First Gospel Mission, 799 Arrow Road, ON M9M  
(Nearest intersection, Finch Ave and Hwy 400)

**May 18, 2009**

**GTA Seniors Meet and Greet Brunch and Programme Kick-off**

On May 18, 2009, the GTA Adventist Community Services Federation will kick off its Seniors Programme with a Meet and Greet Brunch. It will be a fun time with activities, lively interaction and fellowship with our senior supporters. All seniors are invited to come out and participate. Bring your camera and take lots of pictures.

Date/Time: Monday, May 18 - Victoria Day, 11 AM to 2 PM

Location: The GTA Adventist Community Services Centre, 150 Bentworth Ave.,  
Toronto, On

Cost: Free

Registration: Please call Joan Garraway-Hampden at 905-432-1574 or email Vaughn Berkeley [pr@gtaacsf.org](mailto:pr@gtaacsf.org)

**May 21-24**

**55<sup>th</sup> ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

**Toronto Junior Academy & Crawford Adventist Academy**

Thursday May 21st to Sunday May 24th 2009, celebrating Honoured Classes:

From T.J.A. Grade 10 Classes: 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959

From C.A.A Graduating Classes: 1999, 1989, 1984,

Thursday May 21st: Premier of the Screen Play "Hush"

Friday May 22nd: Vernon Langdon Classic Golf Tournament

Friday Night Reunion Concert

Saturday May 23rd: Sabbath Service and Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Doggette

Saturday Night: Original Movie "Hush"

Sunday May 24th: Walk-a-thon

Alumni Basketball Game

RSVP: Derrick Hall (VP of Advancement)

Toll Free: 1-866-960-2125

Local: 416-633-0090 ext. 234

Email: [dhall@caasda.com](mailto:dhall@caasda.com), [development@caasda.com](mailto:development@caasda.com)

**May 23**

**Belleville's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

All former members are cordially invited to attend the Belleville Seventh-day Church Anniversary Celebration o May 23, 2009 at Belleville Adventist Church, 253 Dundas St. W. Belleville, Ontario, from 9:15 to 5:00 p.m. Lunch included.

**June 6**

**Women's Conference**

Ladies! Set aside this date to attend a dynamic Women's Conference at Kingsway College, Oshawa. Due to the Sept. NAD Women's Conference in Dallas, the Ontario Conference Women's Ministries Dept. will be holding a one-day conference in Ontario rather than a weekend retreat.

**Other Advertisements**

## Chief Operating Officer, College Woodwork

College Woodwork, a furniture manufacturer located on the campus of Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, is seeking a COO to head its operations. Established in 1921 to provide financial assistance to Kingsway College and employment opportunities for its students, College Woodwork currently has a staff of 85 full-time employees and employs 43 students on a part-time basis. It has an operating budget of \$10 million with sales from \$9 million to \$11 million over the past few years. Reporting to the President of Kingsway College, the Chief Operating Officer is accountable for setting the strategic direction for, and directing the day-to-day operations of, College Woodwork as a viable furniture manufacturing industry committed to the success and care of its dealers, its employees, and Kingsway College as its partner in business.

The successful candidate will bring with him/her effective entrepreneurial type business skills developed through education and experience, preferably in, but not limited to, manufacturing/marketing, and a firm commitment to supporting Christian education.

Compensation includes salary, profit sharing and an extensive package of benefits.

To explore this opportunity further, please direct resumes to Greg Bussey, President, Kingsway College at [busseyg@kingswaycollege.on.ca](mailto:busseyg@kingswaycollege.on.ca)

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