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[Ontario Conference Urges Support for Haiti Earthquake Victims](#)

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The Ontario Conference has set aside funds and is urging its 28,000 members to support Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) relief effort in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after the Tuesday's devastating earthquake.

Today, in a letter to all churches, Pastor Theodore Sargeant, Community Services director and ADRA representative, asked members to give a donation on Sabbath, January 23.

"Our members have been horrified by the news of the tragedy," says Sargeant, "and they are looking for ways in which to help. We are urging them to use ADRA Canada, the humanitarian arm of the church."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) has also moved to help with a financial donation of \$10,000 to support ADRA's work.

Pastor Daniel Jackson, SDACC president, is also urging church members across Canada to support the relief effort.

"As Seventh-day Adventists living in a privileged land, we must act to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are in need," said Jackson. "Fundamentally, all of

us are being asked, 'What will you do to alleviate this suffering of your fellow human beings?' ”

While members have been shocked by pictures of the devastation, members of Ottawa French Seventh-day Adventist Church, many of whom are from Haiti, are grieving. Some have lost multiple family members while others are desperately attempting to make contact with their loved ones.

News coming from Haiti is sketchy but according to CBC, the Red Cross federation estimated that between 45,000-50,000 people might have died.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has also been affected. Larry Evans from the President's Council in Florida reported:

“Two of our largest churches near the presidential palace were destroyed—five congregations met in these churches. One of those churches had a school and there are serious concerns for the children who were attending school at that time. It is believed that the union president is alive but contact has not been made. The union office is not damaged seriously. One union worker was killed when a wall fell on him.”

As rescue work takes place, additional information regarding the church will no doubt come to light.

While waiting for financial support to be donated by members, the Ontario Conference has also called for a time of prayer at Willowdale Church, on January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Prayer Ministries director, Pastor Eustace Williams, explained that the “primary purpose of this prayer service is to bring together God's people, especially from the Haitian community for a time of support and encouragement and to pray about the situation in Haiti.”

Willowdale Adventist Church is located at 535 Finch Ave West, Toronto.

Immediate financial donations may be paid directly to ADRA Canada, tel.: 1 (905) 433-8004, 1 (888) 274-ADRA or online at www.adra.ca/SSLPage.aspx?pid=20

Provincial Church President to Worship at Ottawa French Adventist Church

Oshawa, Ontario, Friday 15 January, 2010...OCN

Pastor Mansfield Edwards, Ontario Conference president, will be worshipping with the members of Ottawa French Seventh-day Adventist Church tomorrow, the first Sabbath since the earthquake hit Port-au-Prince. The largely Haitian membership has been seriously affected by news of the devastation caused by the earthquake.

“Our brothers and sisters are experiencing a sorrow that few of us can even begin to imagine”, said Edwards. “I have to be with them. I'll be in Ottawa to lend support to Pastor Pierre and his congregation as they struggle to come to terms with the suffering and pain that they are experiencing and as they look to God who has promised to be with us even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death.”

Pastor Edwards will host the service at Ottawa French Adventist Church in the morning. Later, at 3:00 p.m., he will attend a special prayer service for all Haitians living in Ottawa and surrounding areas at Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Haiti has more than 335,000 Seventh-day Adventists, worshipping in 470 churches. In addition to a hospital and university, the church operates dozens of schools there.

Adventist Relief Team Entering Haiti Today with Medical, Emergency Supplies

15 Jan 2010, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, Megan Brauner/ANN

A team of Seventh-day Adventist Church relief workers is on its way to the Dominican Republic border and is expected to cross into Haiti later today.

The first wave of assistance brings medical supplies and emergency goods to the country after a 7.0 - magnitude earthquake left the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince in ruins Tuesday evening. Tens of thousands are thought to be dead.

The team, consisting of Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) workers, medical personnel from partner organization Global Medic and Inter-American church leaders, will deliver supplies, pass out water purification tablets and set up emergency care clinics.

The team will also assess the situation for the next round of relief work, which ADRA has pledged in the amount of \$1 million.

ADRA President Charles Sandefur said the organization is fully committed to providing quick solutions to the urgent need in Haiti.

"We will continue to do everything possible to alleviate the suffering of those affected in this incredible tragedy," Sandefur said.

Four mobile clinics set up by ADRA and Global Medic will aid up to 1,000 patients each per day, and the water treatment supplies will provide safe drinking water for up to 90,000 people per day.

The staff will also distribute vitamins, pain medicine and antibiotics donated to ADRA by Heart to Heart International.

Wally Amundson, director for ADRA in Inter-America, acknowledged that providing sufficient aid right now is a challenge.

"With the lack of communication in Haiti, we don't know how much is available locally or how much we would need to draw on from the Dominican Republic, which is a potential source of supply line and hub for the relief effort," Amundson said via satellite phone.

Inter-American church leaders on the team will coordinate trauma counselling with the help of disaster response experts. The Inter-American workers also hope to gather more facts about church members in Port-au-Prince.

So far, church leadership reports that thousands of Haitian church members are still missing, while one local pastor has been reported dead. There were 100,000 Adventists living in Port-au-Prince before the earthquake.

Structural loss to church property currently includes damage to two of the city's largest churches, the university and hospital. The university is currently using campus grounds as a refuge for hundreds of displaced persons and hospital staff has resumed medical operations outdoors.

For more information, visit adra.org and interamerica.org.

With reporting by Nadia McGill, Libna Stevens

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NAD EVENTS

Webinar: "Reaching 21st Century Parents – They Are Ready, Are You?" will be presented by Willie and Elaine Oliver, Feb 9, at 8:00 p.m. ET. A church can't be very healthy if it doesn't have healthy families. This Webinar will address what families and their children need in order to feel welcome within the church. It will end with a live question and answer period.

Contact: <http://webinars.adventsource.org>.

Andrews University Freshmen Will Be Eligible For \$10,000 – \$40,000 in free scholarship money during their four years of undergraduate study beginning in the 2010–2011 school year.

Contact: http://www.andrews.edu/news/2009/12/aps_increase.html for the full story.

Journey Towards Intimacy Marriage Retreat, Jan 22-24, Berrien Springs, MI – family@nad.adventist.org

Andrews Music and Worship Conference, Mar 25-27, 2010 – Berrien Springs, MI - www.auworshipconference.org

Adventist Community Services Convention, Mar 28 – Apr 3, Orlando, FL -- www.communityservices.org

4 Extremes, Just Claim It 2, YPAC Convention, Ignition, and Children's Worship Conference, Apr 7–11, Columbus, Ohio – 301-680-6472 or www.jci2.org

SONscreen Film Festival VIII, GC Special Edition Showcase, June 26-27, – www.sonscreen.com
SEEDS Plus 2010 Pre-Conference Session, “Reaching Our Cities . . . Forward with Courage,” June 18-20; 21-23 Collegedale, TN – www.NADEI.org
• K.I.D. Plant, June 18-20, Collegedale, TN – www.kidsindiscipleship.org/training

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

2010: January 17, January 31, February 21, March 14, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5, September 12, September 26, October 24, October 31, November 28.

January 20

Pastors, pastors, pastors ... 2010 Year of Lay Evangelism Is Here!!!

Kindly submit by Wed., Jan 20 your final list of 2010 lay evangelism preachers' information – including names, email addresses, and phone numbers to: Pastor Eustace Williams, ewilliams@adventistontario.org by Wed., Jan. 20. Thank you for your cooperation.

January 31

OPMASDA Annual Business Session

The Annual Business Session of the Ontario Prison Ministry Association of Seventh day Adventists will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Downsview Seventh-day Adventist Church, 37 Bakersfield Street.

The Agenda will include the 2010 budget proposal and a proposal to approve a new home base for OPMASDA Ministry.

All Prison Ministry volunteers are requested to attend but only paid up members will have voting privileges.

February 13

Latter Rain's Valentine Banquet

Latter Rain Church invites you to our annual Valentine Banquet on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. In formal dress, you would enjoy delicious food, good music, fashion show, wonderful prizes, fun games and other activities. Proceeds go to our church building fund. Tickets are: adults, \$40 and children under 12, \$20. The venue is at the church location in the auditorium at 7 Elinor Avenue, Scarborough (Lawrence E/Pharmacy). Tickets are available from any church member or Paulette Burnett. For more details, please visit www.latterrainsda.net. See you there!

February 27

Attention all Family, Men's, Singles, Women's, & Young Women Ministries Leaders:

Ministries Leadership Training for you will be held on Feb. 27, 2010 at Toronto Kingsview Village Church from 11 am to 6 pm, featuring:

- 11 am divine service speaker, Pastor Glenn DeSilva
- 2 afternoon seminar sessions (beginning 2:15 pm) for each ministry
- 5 pm *Meet the Presenters* – network with over 20 seminar presenters that can assist your ministry
- Free soup and sandwich light lunch

Free event but kindly register with Donna Jackson – djackson@adventistontario.org by Feb. 22.

**March 5 & 6
Immanuel's 25th Anniversary**

Immanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church on Drewry Avenue in Toronto will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on March 5 and 6 2010. A special invitation is extended to all former pastors, former members and friends of Immanuel to join with us as we celebrate this quarter century milestone. The celebration will begin on Friday with Pastor Manuel Silva from the British Columbia Conference. Pastor Dennis Uffindell, the first pastor of Immanuel, will be the divine service speaker. A special musical program and drama will be presented in the evening. Former youth pastor, Marian Kossovan, will be our guest soloist, along with an array of musical talents from the past and the present. The evening will conclude with a reception in our fellowship hall. To God be the glory great things He hath done. Contact person: Vermont Cleghorne, anniversary chairman.

**March 7-9
Canadian University College**

Curious to see what University life is like? Come to College Days, March 7-9, at Canadian University College! It will be a chance for prospective students to meet students in similar areas of interest; visit with teachers; worship with CUC faculty, staff, and students; and have loads of fun! For more information or to request an application, email Nicole Bartolay at nbartola@cauc.ca. Deadline is February 1, 2010.

**April 11-May 6
CHIP at Willowdale**

Mark your calendar for another exciting CHIP program at Willowdale Church this Spring, April 11 to May 6, 2010. CHIP is the Coronary Health Improvement Project, the outstanding four-week educational program that has helped thousands prevent, stabilize, and even reverse diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, angina, and overweight. If you are suffering from these types of health conditions, then CHIP is for you! If you have no health issues and want to keep it that way, CHIP is also for you! Let CHIP show you how to take charge of your health today! Program cost is \$250/person, \$400 for a married couple sharing materials, and \$150 for CHIP alumni. Free information sessions will be held in March 2010. Isn't this the year you should be taking charge of your health? Visit <http://www.chiponline.org/chipvideo> to view a three-minute clip about the program. Email torontochip@hotmail.com or call Bev Edwards-Miller at (416) 203-0451 for more information. Cheers to your good health!

**July 11
CYSA Track and Field Day**

Christian Youth Sports Academy (CYSA) will be holding its annual track and field day on Sunday, July 11, 2010, at York University. The rally and drill competition will be held on Saturday night, July 10.

Camp Frenda 2010 Available Dates

Camp Frenda has the following dates available for weekend retreats: March 26-28, 2010; June 4-6, 2010; June 25-27, 2010; September 17-19, 2010; September 24-26, 2010; October 29-31, 2010; November 12-14, 2010; November 19-21, 2010; November 26-28, 2010; December 3-5, 2010; December 10-12, 2010. Churches interested in any of the above dates need to complete a reservation agreement. The reservation package is available online at www.campfrenda.com. Included in this package is a reservation agreement form. The form needs to be signed by the pastor or head elder, along with a church board approval. The completed document with deposit needs to be forwarded to the Camp Frenda office at the Ontario Conference. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis.

Summer Weekend Getaway on Lake Rosseau in the Muskoka Region:

For the first time, Camp Frenda is offering two weekends in the midst of the summer camping season for any church that would like to relax and enjoy the beauty of the #1 cottage region in Ontario. The dates are: July 9-11, 2010 and August 13-15, 2010. To qualify for this amazing offer, your group must have a minimum of 100 paying adults. Please note that resorts on Lake Rosseau during the months of July and August will charge a minimum of \$500/night (not including meals). Camp Frenda is charging \$50/day/person including 3 meals. Churches interested in these dates can contact the Camp director at gdesilva@adventistontario.org. **These dates will not be available for long.**

Camp Frenda 2011 Reservations:

Camp Frenda will start accepting reservations for Jan-Dec, 2011 camping year, on February 1, 2010. A reservation package is available on our website (www.campfrenda.com). Included in this package is a reservation agreement form. The form needs to be signed by the Pastor or Head Elder along with a church board approval. The completed document with deposit needs to be forwarded to the Camp Frenda office at the Ontario Conference. Reservations will be taken on a first-come first-served basis.

Seeking Volunteer Nurses for Summer Camp Season 2010:

Camp Frenda is in need of volunteer nurses for the 2010 summer camping season. Session dates are available online at www.campfrenda.com. Successful applicants and their immediate family will receive lodging, meals and activities at no cost. Those interested in applying please submit your available dates to the camp director at: gdesilva@adventistontario.org.

OTHER ADS

Padded chairs needed in Owen Sound Church

We are looking for at least 30 padded and stackable chairs if someone has to donate to our social hall. Please contact Pastor Peter at 519-370-0135 or pcaran@adventistontario.org.

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