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NEWS

The Ontario Conference office will be closed Thursday, June 5, 2008, and regular office hours will resume on Friday, June 6, 08.

Countdown to Ontario Camp Meeting 'Christ, Our Only Hope'

In just four weeks time, on July 5, 2008, more than 8,000 Ontario Adventists and their friends are expected to attend the annual one-day Ontario camp meeting at the International Centre in Mississauga.

Camp meetings have a long tradition among North American Adventists, and even though the Ontario camp meeting is no longer a week-long event under canvass among nature, it is still eagerly looked forward to by thousands of church members. In some regions, groups of churches even hold regional camp meetings while they wait for the main conference-wide camp meeting. Since May, regional camp meetings have been held in Thunder Bay, Eastern Ontario and Western Ontario. Southern Ontario will be holding its regional camp meeting during June 13-15.

Camp Meeting 2008 will feature the old favourites of good fellowship, uplifting worship, solid Biblical preaching, exceptional music, the renewing of old friendships and the making of new ones.

Many are looking forward to the dynamic preaching of Dr. Don King, in the adults section (Hall 5) while youth and young adults are anticipating to be challenged by the powerful preaching of Pastor Furman F. Fordham II. Dr. King is president of the Atlantic Union of

Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Fordham II serves in Chicago, Illinois.

For the second year in succession, the service in Hall 5 will be broadcast live via the internet. For 2008, the youth meetings in Hall 4a will also be broadcast. Anyone with an internet connection may view either of the services, live, by going to the conference website, www.adventistontario.org.

Contrary to a report in the recent edition of *Ontario Highlights*, meals will not be provided at the International Centre. It was hoped that, as in previous years, that a healthy vegetation meal would be available for those who made a pre-payment. However, this is no longer possible. Everyone is encouraged to provide for his/her own meals.

Scores Find the Way to Life at Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church

Evangelist Omar Palmer, associate pastor of Apple Creek Seventh-day Adventist church, recently conducted "**The Way to Life**" evangelistic series at the church. The meetings were held on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and special Sabbath services at 10:45 a.m.

From the outset and thereafter, there was no mistake about the fact that Jesus is the way to life. At the beginning of each presentation, evangelist Palmer led the congregation in repeating John 14: 6 which quotes Jesus saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

The presentations were timely. God's truth, His love and forgiveness for fallen mankind were declared with clarity, so that even a child could understand. According to a newly baptized member, Suzette Berbeck, "I have always been a Seventh-day Adventist, but it was Pastor Palmer's specific question in one of his presentations, "*What are you waiting for?*" which made me realize the urgency, and prompted me to make the decision to get baptized."

Truly, the Holy Spirit was at work and adults and children alike gave their hearts to Jesus Christ, demonstrating their decisions in weekly baptisms. As a result of human efforts collaborating with the working of the Holy Spirit, 42 precious souls gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized. We say, to God be the Glory!

Grace Lawrence

Mongolia: First Religious Liberty Meeting Draws Government, International Religious Freedom Leaders

June 2, 2008 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, ANN Staff

International religious liberty leaders joined members of Mongolia's government and major religious communities May 30 for the nation's first religious liberty symposium, meant largely to lay groundwork for a full-scale freedom of religion conference next year.

"This is an historic day for Mongolia in hosting this symposium on increasing religious tolerance," said Samdan Tsedendamba, secretary of the country's Council on Religious Affairs.

Mongolians enjoy considerable freedom of religion, said John Graz, secretary-general of the International Religious Liberty Association, which jointly sponsored the event with the Northern Asian nation's Council of Religious Affairs. Graz joined more than 50 religious and government leaders for the meeting, which included a review of the United Nation's Documents on Religious Freedom.

Mongolia is home to nearly 3 million people, 50 percent of whom are Buddhist. About 40 percent claim no religion.

The Adventist Church's IRLA representative in Mongolia, Paul Kotanko, was invited to hold a forthcoming similar meeting at the Dashjoilin Buddhist Monastery. Organizers said last week's meeting will also lead to the 3rd Asian Congress on Religious Liberty next September.

Established in 1893, the IRLA is present in some 80 countries and is the world's largest non-sectarian forum dedicated to religious freedom.

NAD Briefing

Death of Kenneth Wood, Former Editor of the Adventist Review

Kenneth Wood, who retired after 16 years as editor of the Adventist Review and continued to work for the E. G. White Estate and served as chairperson of the board, has passed away at age 90. His wife Miriam, of 69 years, passed away in March. The Memorial Service for Elder & Mrs. Wood will be announced at a later date. There will be a private family burial for Elder Wood

COMING EVENTS

May 23 - June 21

Mount Olive Crusade

From May 23rd to June 21st, the Mount Olive Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting a four weeks crusade which will be conducted by evangelist Guy Nembhard from Belize. Please come join us and bring a friend. Mount Olive church is located at 1030 Albion Rd., Etobicoke, (416) 741-1682.

Friday, June 6

"For the Love of Fashion at Apple Creek

The SPOT and Churchdress.ca present "**For the Love of Fashion**" on **Friday, June 6th, 2008** at Apple Creek's fellowship hall. Refreshments for the **pre-mixer & mingle** will be **7:30 - 7:45 pm. Praise & worship** begins at **8 pm sharp**. Featuring the launch of Churchdress at www.churchdress.ca: a forum for young Christians to discuss what is appropriate to wear and what reflects their faith. Come experience '*Youth Worship Making a Difference*'. For more info, visit our website at www.thespotgta.com

June 7

Berea's 25th Anniversary

The Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating its 25th anniversary, and we extend an invitation to everyone to come out and celebrate this day with us on June 7, 2008.

Sabbath School starts at 9:00 am
Divine service starts at 11:00 am
AY starts at 5:30 pm

We would also like to invite all past members and pastors to come out and join us as this day is also HOMECOMING DAY.

We look forward to having you and your family come out and fellowship with us.

Berea is located at 353 Sherbourne Street (Corner of Carlton and Sherbourne Streets). Lunch will be served. Parking is free until 2 pm.

June 8 & June 29
Special Events at Shiloh

We at Shiloh always look forward to an opportunity to fellowship with you and once again such opportunities have presented themselves... We are cordially inviting you, your family and your friends to join us at Shiloh Church, 1090 Bellamy Road, Scarborough (Bellamy & Ellesmere) for the following occasions: **June 8:** Bonanza starting at 9:00 a.m. at 1090 Bellamy (Bellamy & Ellesmere). Sunday **June 29:** Awards Gala Banquet at 4:00 p.m.

All these functions are guaranteed to be full of friends to fellowship with and the opportunity to make some new friends. There will be good food, great fun, awards, stuff to buy and stuff to try.

June 6 & 7

Grandview Adventist Academy is Hosting Its first School Reunion. You are welcome to join in and celebrate with past and present students, pastors, teachers, and staff. There will be a program Friday evening at 7:30 p.m., including a presentation by students currently attending Grandview. Sabbath morning worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch. (Please mark your container clearly for easy identification) Following lunch there will be Sabbath School, class visitations, reminiscing and reflection with former classmates. The reunion will close Sabbath evening with speakers, an AY program, and vespers.

June 14

University of the Southern Caribbean/ Caribbean Union College (USC) Day 2008

The USC Alumni Canadian Chapter will be holding their annual celebration day on **June 14, 2008**

Location: Ashbury West United Church, 3180 Bathurst St. i.e. Bathurst & Lawrence.

Speaker: Pastor Kelvin Thompson. Our service will convene from 10:00 a.m.

Musical evening & social night. Please invite all your friends to celebrate in the wonderful event. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Grace Alexander at agaa@sympatico.ca or 416-494-6308 or Claudia DeLeon at 416-609-8693.

June 7-14

Family Emphasis Week at Toronto West

You, your family and friends, are cordially invited to a special "Family Emphasis Week" to be held at Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church, **June 7-14** at 7:00 p.m. nightly, except Thursdays. Guest Speaker: Dr. Orlando Moncrieffe. Special Family Re-Commitment service on June 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

An event not to be missed!

June 8

Singles Spring Brunch

Ontario Conference ASAM presents the annual Singles Brunch **June 8, 2008**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (33 Carlson Court, Etobicoke, www.crowneplaza.com). Register Now! Only \$25. Visit www.AdventistOntario.org for flyer and registration form, or call 905-571-1022, ext. 204 or 203.

June 8
Rexdale Outreach Choir

You are invited to an exciting concert featuring the *Rexdale Outreach Choir (The ROC)*, **Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Cringan Hall** (Earl Haig Secondary School), located at 100 Princess Avenue in North York. The outreach choir was launched in September 2007 under the ACCN/Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church funded project *Y.E.S Against Violence*, a program that seeks to remove youth (ages 13-24) in the Rexdale and Jamestown areas from the potential dangers of the streets by engaging them through life skills training, mentoring, recreational activities and through music (community outreach choir). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. To purchase, call Janice at 416-456-9839.

June 8
Advent Family Services Open House

Sunday, **June 8**, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - 4915 Bathurst Street, Suite #221
Come see our new location, meet our staff while enjoying delightful hors d'oeuvres.

The following seminars are offered at our office:

Communication & Self-Esteem, Anger Management, Parenting, Trauma, Grief Recovery, Rite of Passage Experience (R.O.P.E.).

Contact us at 416-633-3190 for registration and individual, family and group rates.

June 14
Kingsview Village Church and ADRA Canada host emergency preparedness seminar

With numerous disasters affecting families around the world, including right here in Canada, it is important that individuals start preparing for serious emergencies now. That's why Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, in partnership with ADRA Canada, is hosting the emergency preparedness seminar, called **Are You Ready? What to Do When Disaster Strikes?** This free seminar will take place at the Kingsview Village Junior School and will provide a series of presentations by experts on how to prevent unnecessary loss and suffering while increasing your chances of survival during major calamities. There will be several speakers, including those from ADRA Canada and the Canadian Red Cross.

Where: Kingsview Village Junior School, 1 York Rd., Etobicoke, Ontario M9R 3C8 [Click here for map](#)

When: Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Why: To prepare people of all faiths for major disasters. This is a great event for which to invite non-Adventist family and friends.

FREE Admission

-Light refreshments will be available

-Contact info: (Phone) 416-245-6863 (E-mail) kingsview_communications@yahoo.ca

June 14

Elohim Ministries Is Back! The drama ministry who brought you Seven Wives, now presents "The Rejected" **Saturday, June 14th** 2008, at 7:00 p.m...a great father's day treat! York University Burton Auditorium 4700 Keele St. Fine Arts Building Phase II.

Tickets \$20& \$25 (reserved seating) one night only...don't miss it!

For more information: 416 736-5888 www.yorku.ca/perform
elohim_ministries@hotmail.com or contact Nadia 905-265-9676

June 14

Owen Sound's 30th Anniversary

Come celebrate with us **June 14**, 2008 for the 30th anniversary of the Owen Sound Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 122442 Grey County Road #5, Waverley Heights, Ontario (519) 372-1722.

Hear few pastors as they share their stories about how the Lord led Owen Sound Adventists, followed by a fellowship meal, and the opportunity for special comments and a group photo. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION.

Sabbath School at 9:50 Am

Slide Presentation at 11:00 am

Worship Service at 11:15 am

R.R.S.P. by May 23, 2008 to one of the following:

Pastor Peter Caran at 519-370-0135 or caran@bmts.com

Chuck Burgess at 519-538-2693 or ic.burgess@bmts.com

Karen Bluhm at 519-371-1750 or typist2go@bmts.com

Deadline June 15, 2008

Christian Youth Sports Academy (Durham) (CYSA)

Offers students entering 1st year post-secondary \$1000.00 scholarships. Download the application www.thecysa.ca . Deadline is **June 15**, 2008.

Over the past four years, CYSA has awarded over \$8,000 dollars to recipients from the following churches: Toronto East, Philadelphia, Toronto West, Shiloh, Apple Creek. They are pursuing their academic studies at the following post-secondary institutions: York University, Humber College, Centennial College, Ryerson University, McMaster University.

Apply today! **Deadline June 15, 2008.**

Should you have any questions, contact Judy Stephens at 647-893-8511.

June 29

First Annual Health Fair Hosted by North-West Brampton & Brampton

North-West Brampton (Church) Company and Brampton Seventh-day Adventist Churches are hosting their first annual Health Fair. Vibrant Living '08 will be an outdoor affair, held at the Cheyne Middle School parking lot on **June 29th**, 2008, from 1-4 p.m. Many hands-on things to do, lots of giveaways, and much more. Come out and bring your family and friends.

July 10-13

Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) Leadership Training Workshop

July 10-13, 2008 in Oshawa, Ontario, CHIP opens Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at College Park Adventist Church. The rest of the sessions will be held in the Elementary School gymnasium. In this workshop, the Adventist CHIP Association partners with the Ontario Conference Health Ministries Department to train church teams to conduct life-changing CHIP programs in their local churches and communities. Dr. Hans Diehl's 16 video lectures address Diabetes, Cancer, Atherosclerosis, Hypertension, and Obesity. Join the scores of churches around North America using CHIP to change lives and win friends for the church and for the Lord – for time and for eternity. No campus housing is available, but pre-paid meals may be ordered along with the early-bird registration fee of CDN/US \$250/church (1-3 persons) which includes all required workshop materials. (This early-bird fee ends on June 20.) For full information about the workshop, motels you can stay at, meals, and registration, go to Leadership Training at www.adventistchip.org. Or you can call toll-free 1-866-732-2447, or e-mail: info@adventistchip.org.

July 18-20
Attention Ladies!

LADIES, join us at the Women's Retreat, **July 18-20, 2008**, at White Oaks Resort, Niagara- on-the-Lake, featuring Dr. JoAnn Davidson, activity-based workshops, a young women's presenter, HeartSpa, a French workshop and translation and more. To register, go to www.plusline.org/events.php or call 1 800-732-7587. This event is sponsored by the Ontario Conference Women's Ministries Department. Registration **deadline June 17, 2008**.

July 20
A Gala Occasion – Ontario Conference Pathfinder Fair

Announcing the Fair of the century! Everyone is invited to CONNECT DOT COM, the Ontario Conference Pathfinder Fair at Downsview Park on **July 20, 2008**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy fun and games; test your Bible trivia; bring your craft items. Be part of the "Market Place" where "goodies" would be on sale. Register through your local pathfinder club. See you there!

August 1- 10
Invitation to Toronto West's Mortgage Elimination Celebration

The Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church extends an invitation to you to join us in our "Mortgage Elimination Celebration" from **Friday, August 1- Sunday, August 10, 2008**, under the theme: "*Ordinary People, Extraordinary Celebration*". Our guest speakers are Pastor Fitzroy Maitland (Aug. 2), Pastors Steve Cassimy and Derrick Nichols (Aug. 9). Request for advertisements can be communicated to Sister Sherene Cole-Watson, the communications secretary, at shernewatson@sympatico.ca by June 30, 2008.

September 1
CAA Elementary French/Phys. Ed. Teaching position

A full-time French/physical education elementary teacher is needed at Crawford Adventist Academy, Toronto, beginning **September 1, 2008**. Applicant must be a committed Seventh-day Adventist, be legally able to work in Canada, and be eligible for denominational and/or provincial certification. Ability to teach French using the A.I.M. method would be an asset.

Submit resume and cover letter to Dr. Frances Schander, Superintendent of Education, at fschander@adventistontario.org or by fax to 905-571-5995. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

September 18-21

Canadian Adventist Youth Summit (CAYS): September 18-21, 2008, Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Eddy Hypolite (South England Conference). Pastor Hypolite was well received in February by the youth in Dallas at the NAD Youth Summit, and he is sure to present inspiring messages at **CAYS!**

CAYS will be a meeting for youth, young adults and their leaders from across Canada taking place in the Maritime Conference. This summit will give teens, college/university students, and their leaders an opportunity to take their spiritual walk to the next level. CAYS will help everyone to "Think It, Believe It, Do It" for Christ! Start planning now to be a part of this event.

Get your registration form at www.AdventistYouth.ca, fill it in and fax it to the Ontario Conference Youth Ministries Department at 905-571-4781. Bus transportation is being organized by the Youth Ministries Department. For cost and details, contact Lila Oliveira at 905-571-1022; ext. 215.

OTHER ADS

Timmins Adventist Church Is Looking for the Following Members:

Baribeau Marc - Bond Gilles - Boudreau Eve-Lynn - Marshall Renee - Mills Chuck - Nakogee Brian R. - Rochon Gladys.

If you have any helpful information about any of the above members, please contact Pastor Didier Fourny at dfourny@adventistontario.org; 613-937-3124 or Elder Will Marcoux at timminselder@adventistontario.org; 705-272-2116.

Do you need office space for your ministry? Furnished office at prime downtown Toronto location at College and Yonge Street available two days per week. Please call (416) 203-0451 for further information.

Assistant Men's Dean/Fitness Complex Worker

Kingsway College is accepting applications for a half-time men's dean and half-time Fitness Complex worker for the 2008-2009 school year. Duties include supervision and management of the dorm, periodic dorm worships, student dorm labour supervision, and help with campus duties as needed by administration and general Fitness Complex responsibilities. Resumes accepted until May 31, 2008. For more information, contact Greg Bussey via email at busseyg@kingswaycollege.on.ca, via phone at 905-433-1144 ext. 217 or via fax at 905-433-1156.

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