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[It Is Written Canada to Run Four-Week Evangelistic Series in North Bay](#)

October 8, 2008, Oshawa...OCN

On Friday, October 17, *It Is Written Canada* will begin a four-week evangelistic series in the city of North Bay. *It Is Written Canada* speaker/director, Pastor Bill Santos, will be preaching five nights weekly at the Voyager Inn Motel on Delaware Avenue, North Bay.

The members of North Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church are eagerly looking forward to hosting the first major evangelistic series in over 20 years. "We are really happy that *It is Written* agreed to join us in this," said Pastor Sasa Andelkovic, minister at the 36-

member congregation. "Our members are excited about the series and have committed themselves to give it their best support."

The North Bay series is the second major evangelistic outreach to be held in northern Ontario during the past 12 months. At the same period last year, the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, partnered with *It Is Written Canada* to hold the first ever major Adventist evangelistic series in Sault Ste-Marie. The partnership is part of the conference's attempt to stimulate growth in northern Ontario.

"We have designated northern Ontario as a mission field," said Pastor Derrick Nichols, president of the Ontario Conference. "We have made funds available to make sure the unchurched in the cities of the north hear the Gospel and come to accept Jesus as their Saviour. We have a responsibility to preach the Three Angels' Message to those regions as well as all across Ontario, and we are making sure that we fulfil this responsibility. The world is rapidly coming to an end and people need salvation."

Next year, 2009, has been designated as the 'year of pastoral evangelism,' and it is anticipated that it will be a year of a great harvest of souls across Ontario.

Halsey Peat

Annual Council Votes Barry Bussey as Associate Director for World Church PARL Department

October 13, 2008, Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

The Seventh-day Adventist Church's Executive Committee has elected Pastor Barry Bussey as the new associate director for the world church's PARL Department. The action was taken on October 12, on the first full day of business at the Annual Council in Manila.

Bussey, who will also serve as the church's liaison to the United States Congress, is the Religious Liberty (PARL) director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and a former executive secretary for the Ontario Conference. He replaces James Standish, who earlier this year was appointed executive director of the U.S. Commission on Religious Freedom.

Across Canada, Bussey is known for arguing, in 2004, the position of the Adventist Church on the same-sex marriage reference case in front of the Supreme Court of Canada. He also successfully led the campaign for Canada Post to issue a stamp commemorating the church's world session, held in Toronto in 2000.

"He'll be an active participant in legislative life in Washington, promoting religious freedom for all," said PARL director, John Graz. "This is a key position for us, not only for religious freedom in the U.S. but around the world."

Bussey was one of four new world church leaders appointed by the Executive Committee on October 12.

Halsey Peat

Seeking Efficiency, Annual Council Votes Administrative Changes

October 14, 2008 Manila, Philippines, Mark A. Kellner, Adventist Review/ANN

Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist world church have voted to ask the next world business session for broad authority to change church departmental structures and hiring, as they pursue greater efficiency than the current process, leaders say.

"It is important for the church to be able to move with flexibility and dexterity," Adventist Church president Jan Paulsen said the morning after the ballot. The decision, he said, "is a signal of the fact that we want to retain the flexibility to function as a dynamic community while protecting our values."

Paulsen's comments came after the Annual Council, the world church's yearly business session, voted to ask the 2010 world church session in Atlanta, Georgia, United States, to allow the church's Executive Committee to make changes in the structure of headquarters departments without first getting a quinquennial business meeting to approve the moves. The session will continue to have final authority to review or reverse adjustments made by the Executive Committee during the quinquennium. Also, the election of associate departmental directors or associate secretaries of associations will shift from a session to the first Annual Council following a session, if the proposal is approved in Atlanta.

The two administrative proposals were the result of the three-year-old Commission on Ministries, Structures and Services, which held a series of global meetings in which the church's operations were evaluated. The report came to the floor of Annual Council on the day that General Conference Treasurer Robert E. Lemon reported that the 16-million member Seventh-day Adventist Church was dealing with the uncertainties of the current world financial market. Lemon, Paulsen and other leaders emphasized the need for the church to be able to respond to such conditions more quickly.

A key rationale for allowing the Executive Committee to make departmental changes between sessions is this need for flexibility in changing times. The decision to ask for a change in the way associate directors and associate secretaries are elected is designed to relieve pressure on Session nominating committees and newly elected departmental directors, some of whom have had to choose their associates with very little time.

The church did "not give up anything that is valuable" in taking the action, Paulsen said, but rather is enhancing the ability of church leaders to manage in a more dynamic fashion.

He noted that while "we have done things in a given way for so many, many years, perhaps there is another way."

The potential for "another way" may also extend to the operation of two church-owned publishing houses in North America, the Review & Herald Publishing Association (RHPA) in Hagerstown, Maryland, and the Pacific Press Publishing Association (PPPA) in Nampa, Idaho. Both presses have historic roots in Adventism: Review & Herald was the church's first publishing house, and for many years operated in Battle Creek, Michigan, and Takoma Park, Maryland. Started in Mountain View, California, PPPA is another long-time publishing house for the church. Both houses have been central to producing literature and magazines for the world church, as well as North America. Review & Herald prints Adventist Review and many editions of Adventist World. Pacific Press is lead printer of the Adult Bible Study Guide, the church's Sabbath School quarterly.

However, Paulsen said on October 13 that "publishing is also a business," and "from time to time we have to ponder the question if we have the best arrangement of publishing institutions."

Paulsen asked, "Have we put together the best publishing structure to serve the church?"

To find out whether that's the case, Paulsen proposed -- and delegates accepted -- the creation of a commission that would have "the task of assessing publishing realities." With members principally drawn from North America, the goal is to have the commission's report ready for the 2009 Spring Meeting at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama.

Though the motion passed easily, Robert Smith, RHPA president, noted that world church headquarters has studied the North American publishing system previously.

He urged that the new commission would not "study us to death and make the cure worse than the disease."

Smith asserted that RHPA made a profit of \$100,000 in the year ending September 30. He said that if world church headquarters "would give us all the work that is justifiably ours," the press' business would be stable.

Pacific Press president Dale Galusha told Adventist Review: "We welcome opportunities such as this to explore better ways to even more effectively strengthen the church, promote its mission and deliver faith-strengthening and spiritually inspiring books and materials to our church members."

No OCN Next Week

There will not be an issue of OCN next week.

NAD Briefings

Mark Johnson, Secretary of the British Columbia Conference, was elected President of the Alberta Conference. Bill Olson, the president of the Alberta Conference, had announced his retirement.

COMING EVENTS

October Is Children's Month at Kanisa

THEME: "Hero"

Kanisa Fellowship cordially invites all children and their parents/guardians to come out and celebrate Children's Month with us.

Wednesday night prayer meetings on the **1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th** will be children focused. **Church doors open at 6 pm:** Children are welcome to come early, complete homework prior to service and have a light meal.

Evening program is from 7 - 8 p.m.: We will explore biblical characters, such as Joseph, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego; having guest performances by the Kanisa children's choir, etc... Come out and participate.

Sabbaths

October 18 - Children's Church (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

October 25 - Children's Day & Lunch (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.); Alpha Omega Prayers Pathfinder Induction Service

Friday

October 31 - It's a Hero's Party (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

We are located at 2609 Bayview Avenue. Contact us at 416-410-3102 or visit www.kanisafellowship.com.

October 10-25

Family Life Series

Marriage is a choice. Loving is a decision. To make these choices a reality, Hamilton East's Family Ministries offers three-weekend sessions to teach families how to have joy-filled, flourishing lives. This series will be held over three weekends beginning October 10 and ending October 25. Pastor Mitchell will present this time relevant information Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings on the first two week ends and the third weekend will be Friday and Saturday evenings, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours. There will be a special children's program in the lower hall each evening.

October 15-17

Evangelistic Series at Toronto Japanese Church

The Toronto Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church will conduct four days series of evangelistic meetings. The speaker is Pastor Kiyoshi Fujita from Japan.

Venue is *19 Mortimer Avenue, East York*. The theme is related to the end time.

October 15 to October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

October 18 at 11:00 a.m.

All lectures are in Japanese, except for October 18; English translation is available. If you know any Japanese people, please send us their names and addresses. Ataru Nakagawa 416-292-1754.

October 17 & 18

"Power Unlimited" at Kendalwood

Prayer Conference 2008 **"Power Unlimited"**. We invite you and your friends to a weekend of prayer with guest speaker Pastor Richard O'Fill, starting **Friday October 17 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 18, 2008, at 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.** at Kendalwood Church, 300 Kendalwood Road, Whitby. Pastor Richard O'Fill is an **author, international revivalist and seminar speaker**. He has served in Southern Asia, and Latin America, as well as North America. Pastor O'Fill believes that a "Holy God, through the Holy Spirit, is developing a holy people for the soon return of Jesus Christ". We look forward to seeing you.

October 19

Grant Writing Workshop Hosted by GTA Adventist Community Services Federation

One of the biggest concerns of community services leaders is where to find the funds to deliver their programmes in the community. We are fully aware of that. That's why your GTA Adventist Community Services Federation (GTAACSF) has negotiated with ADRA Canada to host a 4-hour training session on the proper preparation of grant funding requests. This timely workshop is just what you need as you begin preparing your proposals for 2009.

When: Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 2 pm

Location: ACS Community Centre, 150 Bentworth Avenue, Toronto (Next to Central SDA Church). Cost: FREE. Facilitator: Sandy Britton, ADRA Canada

Contact: Joe Mitchell, 416-676-6636 for more info.

Any church that sends 5 or more community services representatives will have a chance at receiving a special gift!

October 18-November 1

"Jesus! Our Hope, Our Help" at Philadelphia

Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church presents "Jesus! Our Hope, Our Help" – a unique evangelistic series presented by Women with the Word - Dr Janice Maitland, Jacqueline Fuller and Julia Clarke! From October 18 to November 1, the women of our congregation will embark upon this evangelistic thrust and would like to invite you to share in this one-of-a-kind experience. Presentations will be made at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, 7:15 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and throughout the day and evening on Saturdays. We are located at 25 Channel Nine Court (McCowan and 401) on the premises of Grace Christian Reformed Church. Come along and bring a friend as we 'advance the kingdom through friendship'. Transportation and child care are available. For more information, please call 905-427-7506.

October 18-December 6

The Truth for Our Time" Evangelistic Meetings at Toronto Hungarian Church

With much prayer and dedication, the Toronto Hungarian church enters a new season of evangelistic series from October 18-December 6, 2008. The speaker for "The Truth for Our Time" evangelistic campaign is Pastor Karoly Nagy, the local pastor. The meetings will be held on Sabbath afternoons from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Bayview 2395 in the chapel of the Bob Rumball Centre. Parking is free. You are welcome to these events!

October 25**Bethel's Invitation to All Former Members for a Special Event**

Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all former members to a "Forgiveness and Fellowship" event. On October 25th, during the AY program, we will have the facilitation of a forgiveness event and share an agape meal afterwards.

October 25**The annual meeting for the Southern Federation of Adventist Community Services (SFACS)**

It will held Sabbath, October 25, 2008 at the Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church, commencing with Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Wayne Martin, Ontario Conference Community Services director will be the speaker for the worship service.

After luncheon, the annual meeting commences at 2:00 p.m. All community services secretaries/pastors/personal ministries leaders from the southern federation are asked to attend.

Southern federation churches: Brantford, Bronte, Betesda Spanish Company, Cambridge, Good News Fellowship, Guelph, Hamilton East, Hamilton Filipino Company, Hamilton Mountain, Heritage Green, Kitchener-Waterloo, Lincoln Pioneer, Living Word, Milton Company, Monte Carmelo, Niagara Falls, Paris, St. Catharines, Six Nations, Simcoe, and Waterloo-Company.

October 25 – November 15**Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church**

On October 25, the Communication Department will be hosting a special program with the theme: "The Lifeline". A day focused on family worship and prayer with speaker, Elder Ida Smith.

The Women's Ministry Department will be hosting a prayer brunch and heart spa on Sunday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with keynote speaker Maria McLean.

Our families are struggling, how can we make it in today's world?

From **November 1-15**, the Toronto Central Church will be hosting a Family Life Evangelistic Series with the dynamic Evangelist Shian O'Connor, Family Life director from the Cayman Islands. Meetings will be held nightly, except Mondays and Thursdays, starting at 7:15 pm.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Dufferin/Bentworth), for more information call 416-784-0261.

November 1**Two-Can Concert at CAA**

The Crawford Adventist Academy will be hosting a two-can concert, which is a food drive to reach out to the GTA community on November 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This initiative will help to feed some of the homeless and the less fortunate in our great city. With the winter months fast approaching the students under the offices of the student association and the chaplain's office will be having this benefit concert in the gymnasium. There will be groups performing from all over the GTA.

Come and enjoy an evening full of musical talents from various artists, groups, and choirs. It will be greatly appreciated if everyone brings at least two cans of non-perishable food. We are grateful for your continued support as we follow Christ's example by serving others. Crawford Adventist Academy is located at 535 Finch Avenue West. For more information, please contact Pastor Andre Anderson 416-573-0781.

November 1

Ajax Adventist Church Gospel Concert

November 1 at the Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. Ajax, featuring the Alburd Dudley Singers from Huntsville, USA, and other local talents, such as Norwil Simmons, Adrianna Oscar, Silent Praise and Kinesha Johnson-Brown. International singers Marlon Johnson and Lydia Husbands-Johnson; and Jarred and Natelie Francis will also be performing.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and concert starts at 6:30. Parking is plentiful on the premises.
Tickets available from Genifer Husbands at 416-662-4681, 905-686-6389 or Velma Morgan at 905-683-4519, 416-999-3786.

November 1

Annual Community Service Convention

Annual Community Service convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel (formerly Park Plaza Toronto Airport). Special guest speakers are Sung Kwon, Community Services director, North American Division, and Adam Spence, Ontario Association of Food Banks. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person. **Registration deadline is October 10, 2008.** Registration forms can be obtained from Verna Storaune at the Ontario Conference office, vstoraune@adventistontario.org or 905-571-1022 ext 109.

November 9

Woodbridge Adventist Church - Fundraiser Banquet

[Proceeds go towards Woodbridge Adventist Church building project]
Come and enjoy an evening of superb gospel entertainment and dining.
Featured artists include: Tiffany Campbell-Dailey, Christopher Dallo, Rochelle Hanson and many others.
For more details, call Megzie Campbell-Dailey: 905-882-7739
Doors open at 5:00p.m.

Location: Crowne Plaza (Toronto Airport), 33 CARLSON COURT, TORONTO. Map:
<http://www.crowneplaza.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/yyzca/transportation?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/hotelsearchresults>

November 12 - 16**Inspiring, Equipping and Training Leaders for CHIP Ministry**

The Adventist CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) Association cordially invites anyone with a passion for health ministry to attend the **9th Annual CHIP Summit** in sunny Orlando, Florida, from November 12 to 16, 2008. This five-day summit features basic training for would-be CHIP directors and advanced training for current CHIP directors. In addition to training, there are seven scientific speakers to learn from, six inspirational speakers to motivate you, delicious food, great music, fabulous sightseeing opportunities, and wonderful new friends to be made. This is a tremendous opportunity for churches that want to facilitate CHIP programs in their community to send members to be newly or further trained for this awesome health ministry. The clinical results of the 30-day, video-based, life-changing CHIP program have been published as 12 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. CHIP addresses our healthcare crisis with scientifically sound, cost effective, and proven measures. Isn't it time your church became a centre of health and healing in your community? For registration information, please visit the CHIP website at <http://www.sdachip.org/summit/2008/summit.html>

November 13-15

UCAA 4th Annual Music Conference, November 13-15, Nashville, Tennessee – uca@ucaonline.org NAD Adventist Association of Camping Professionals, December 4-6, Place: TBD, <http://www.adventistcamps.org>

November 22**FREE! “Live Your Ministry” Evangelism Training Conference**

November 22, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Featuring seven workshops by: Dr. Errol Lawrence, Ministerial director of the Ontario Conference, Elder Gordon Pifher, president of the B.C. Conference, Eric Rajah, founder of *A Better World*, Martha Hutchinson, founder of Mizpah Development, Sharon Aka, professor of nursing at Humber Instit., Constable Geoff Kerr and Ivy James, co-founder of ACS, Winnipeg. Sponsored by Ontario Conference Men's & Women's Ministries Departments. For more information, call 905-571-1022 ext. 204.

November 23

LADIES, MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 23! Volunteers needed! Licensed hairdressers, massage therapists, aestheticians and helpers needed to provide their services free to women on November 23, 2008 in local abuse shelters, pregnancy centres and churches. Leaders with valid police checks for children's crafts also required. If interested, please call 905-571-1022 ext. 204 as soon as possible. *Sponsored by Ontario Conference Women's Ministries Department.*

December 13**Health Promotion Dinner at Brooklin**

On December 13, 2008, the Brooklin Branch Sabbath School will be holding a health promotion dinner to celebrate the season and outreach to the poor and needy families in the community. Health screening and health lectures will be offered along with a healthy

vegan dinner. If God has blessed anyone and you're able to donate toys or books for children, please call Vaughn Berkeley at 905-655-1533 or Bert Officer at 289-314-9304.

April 17-19, 2009

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Couples, plan ahead for your spring get-a-way at beautiful Deerhurst Resort on Peninsula Lake, Huntsville. Look forward to the fun coaching of Dr. Willie & Elaine Oliver (Washington, D.C.) On the *Road to Intimacy* at the Ontario Conference Marriage Enrichment Retreat, **April 17-19, 2009!** Download a brochure at www.adventistontario.org. For more information or to register (by **March 17, 2009**) call Family Ministries at 905-571-1022 ext. 204 or 203.

OTHER ADS

Temporary Location for Oakville Group

Due to ongoing repairs at our regular location, Oakville Seventh-day Adventist Group will have services during October 2008 at RIVER OAKS RECREATION CENTRE, 2400 Sixth Line in Oakville.

The expectation is to return to our regular location in November.

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