



For Immediate Release
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Ontario Conference Headquarters Temporarily Moving Online

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We would like to inform you that on Tuesday, March 24, Ontario Conference's headquarters (1110 King Street East, Oshawa) will close as a preventative measure against the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and in keeping with recent federal and provincial government mandates.

The office will be closed for 14 days until April 5, with further updates to be given at that time. However, we will be keeping virtual office hours from 9 am – 3 pm. Do not hesitate to reach out to Ontario Conference employees by email during these hours. We are here to support you through this challenging time.

Since its appearance at the end of 2019, the novel coronavirus has spread worldwide, impacting us all directly or indirectly. Schools, restaurants, non-essential businesses, churches, major events and more have been shut down in an effort to flatten the curve of COVID-19. In Ontario Conference, we have suspended major events until June 24 and closed our churches and schools until further notice.

COVID-19 is highly transferable, and for some, fatal. To date, a reported 1,432 have been infected with the virus in Canada, with 20 resulting deaths.ⁱ Therefore, we must be prudent. Please visit our website, www.adventistontario.org, for updates, resources and tips to maintain health during a pandemic.

Rest assured that even in a time of global crisis, the Lord's work will continue. Thus, on our website you will also find a list of Ontario Conference churches offering live streaming. Furthermore, this week, visit our website and YouTube channel (Adventist Ontario), for a special devotional series, "Hope and Assurance," led by Ontario Conference leaders. Let their powerful messages from the Word bring you peace.

Finally, as Ontario Conference president, Mansfield Edwards, stated, "In these difficult times, we must be focussed on the fact of Christ's soon coming. Let us encourage each other to remain faithful. Let us be creative in reaching others for Christ through total member involvement. His coming is near."

God bless you and yours,
Ontario Conference Administration

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ⁱ <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>