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Showing Respect

How do you relate to those with whom you cannot see eye to eye? Currently the Seventh-day Adventist Church at all levels face enormous challenges of diverse opinions; issues such as the ordination of women to gospel ministry (which will be debated and decided upon at the 2015 General Conference session), same-sex marriages and other related subjects. Scholars, ministers, and laity alike are interested; some writing research papers, others in casual discussions, but all sharing personal convictions.

But not all issues are theologically driven. There are social issues, family issues, financial issues, employer-employee issues and the list goes on and on. The question is, “How do we relate, not just to the subject matter at hand, but to each other, especially when we have differing opinions and emotions run deep?” Is it possible to show respect even when we don’t see eye to eye?

Respect, by definition, is a feeling of admiring someone or something that is good, valuable, important, serious, etc. and should be treated in an appropriate way. Conversely, “disrespect” is speech or behavior which shows you don’t think someone or something is valuable or important. Paul admonishes us to “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other” (Rm 12:10 NLT).

Both the Bible and Ellen White made reference to the characteristic of respect. Christ treated persons who had fallen lowest with respect (MH 361); parents should manifest respect toward their children and children toward their parents (1 Tim 3:4, CG 98). Respect is due to teachers and the elderly (Lev 19:20, Ed 244), ministers (Lam 4:16, CG 255), and authority in general (Rm 13:7, 7T186). Families should cultivate respect for the rights of others (Pr 19:11, CG 205), including for the struggling human soul (FE 281). Certainly there should be respect for the Lord and His commandments (1 Sam 2:18, Ezra 10:3).

Having said this, how do we

show respect, whether to a friend, a family member or in a theological debate? There are probably hundreds of ways, but here are ten.

1. Listen Attentively. We have probably all experienced the frustration with someone whose mind is not engaged in the conversation. Eyes are not focused, responses are mechanical, or he/she may even continue with an original task, commenting, “Keep talking, I’m listening.” Respect insists we listen attentively and acknowledge their viewpoint.

2. Be Considerate. Once you’ve listened, think of the other person’s needs. Is there an appropriate response, either verbally or in some other way? To ignore is rude which frequently happens when children talk to us. Because we are busy we simply comment, “Now run along and play,” never giving the child’s emotion a second thought.

3. Keep Your Promise. Not only does this establish your integrity, but makes the other person feel valued. John Green said, “Some people don’t understand the promises they’re making when they make them... (But) keep the promises anyway.”

4. Be On Time. We demonstrate value for the other person when we are punctual. As a young pastor engaged in an evangelist series with a seasoned evangelist, he insisted arriving at every home appointment 10 minutes early, even though he rang the doorbell at precisely the appointed time. “People know they are valued when we respect their time,” he maintained.

5. Exercise Manners. It’s rude when engaged in a meaningful conversation and another steps up and monopolizes the conversation. Besides, simple expressions of ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ go a long way and applies to family members and guests alike.

6. Be Encouraging. People may dare to share dreams and opinions that to us seem silly. Though we may not agree with their concepts there are respectful ways of expressing your opinion. Genuine encouragement, on the other hand can be empowering and liberating.

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7. Be Fair. As much as possible, be fair. Give people what they earn/ deserve and it will be appreciated.

8. Go the Second Mile. Doing the bare minimum may get you by, but going the extra mile shows respect. Jesus encouraged this.

9. Preserve Dignity. When wronged, mistreated, or otherwise upset, handle the dispute with finesse. Avoid sarcasm, remain calm, and preserve the other’s dignity.

10. Be Helpful but not Assuming. Don’t seize or usurp another’s responsibility. Each person is entrusted with a God-given task and it’s disrespectful to take that away from them.

There are many ways to show respect. Whether engaged in a serious theological debate, a family matter, or with a guest at a social function, show them they are valued. That is respect.



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The Wish List

I remember when I was a young boy my dad would set up a camcorder on Christmas morning and video tape us kids running down the hallway into the living room to open our gifts. Oh, the excitement of it all.

The video camera my dad originally used has been obsolete now for approximately 25 years. It recorded the video onto something called a “VHS” tape. As the years went by, the camcorders changed (VHS to mini-VHS to Hi-8 to DVD to HD) and the video revealed something very interesting. As I look at the gifts we received back then and compare with the gifts kids receive today, I notice a transition into the technological age.

Technology has changed many other things about Christmas past.

Like those digital Christmas cards you can create on the computer. Insert a picture of the family from your digital camera or mobile phone, enter in as many email addresses as you like, and press send.

Gone are the days of having to write a personal message on every paper card with an ink pen. Gone are the days of having to buy Christmas stamps and sending a Christmas greeting and family photo by Canada Post.

And what about Amazon.ca? Amazon has changed the way many people do their Christmas gift planning. You create an account and start adding to your “wish list” or start buying for someone else.

Wish List:

- A new LED TV (old model is already obsolete because it doesn't have Surround Sound and the internet connection is too slow).
- A blue-ray DVD player (with full HD 1080p output and the ability to decode the latest HD audio formats... for the ultimate entertainment experience).
- A new digital camera (with



25.2-megapixel, image stabilization and 16x optical zoom).

Others can look at your “wish list” online at Amazon’s website so they know what to buy for you. According to Amazon, it’s a easy as 1 - Find friends and family, 2 - Remember their wish lists, and 3 - Give the perfect gift every time.

Amazon might have perfected the “wish list” in past years, but they didn’t invent it. Christmas wish lists have been around for a long time and no doubt technology will be at the top of most lists this December.

But putting aside all the technology and gadgets for a moment, we must not forget the real meaning of what Christmas is about. We must never let technology stand in the way of our personal relationships with loved ones or distract from our focus on Christ.

Don’t be like the innkeeper who missed Jesus because he was too busy. Turn off the cell phone for a while and power down the computer/tablet. Let’s start thinking critically about our relationship to media and technology and even consider taking a “Digital Sabbath” once a week by unplugging for 24 hours.

And don’t run your life like the Roman Empire, who missed Christmas because other gods took the place of Christ in their lives. Put down the Xbox One controller and iPad, switch off the LED TV. Allow nothing else to take the place of worshipping Jesus Christ.

On my wish list this year is more time with Jesus because He is everything: joy

and peace and forgiveness and salvation and abundance and purpose and prosperity and eternal life. When He’s the Lord of your life, His presence is all you need. It is my prayer that you not only connect with Jesus this Christmas season, but that you cling to him the rest of your life.

Christmas morning many will unwrap their gifts, but eventually the novelty of it all will wear off. The gift that was once so precious will end up stuffed in the closet or handed off to someone else. A newer version of your latest gadget will arrive that has more megapixels, or is smaller, or faster, or has better battery life. In time, your Christmas gifts will mostly be forgotten. But God has given us the ultimate gift—the gift of His Son Jesus Christ who will “save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21-23, “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Don’t miss Christmas this year. As Watts and Handel once wrote, “Let every heart prepare Him room.”

What’s on your wish list this Christmas?



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I Now Have a House



Carmensita's new home.



Carmensita with Stacey of ADRA

Carmensita Beso is a widow who lives in the small Philippine barangay (village) of Calapawan on Panay Island.

She moved to Calapawan 18 years ago when she married and since then she has lived in the same spot.

Before Typhoon Haiyan she lived in a small nipa house.

Nipa is a type of palm plant that grows wild in the Philippines. Many people make a living by gathering the leaves, binding them to a thin piece of wood, and then selling the 'planks'.

While popular and inexpensive, a nipa house is no match for a typhoon.

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on November 8, 2013, Carmensita thought it was the end of the world.

Every year approximately nine typhoons make landfall in the Philippines. For most, warnings of an approaching storm are not a cause for concern.

Haiyan was different. It was a category 5 Superstorm with winds that at times reached 315 km/h, making it unofficially the strongest storm ever recorded.

Carmensita had initially planned to stay in her house during the storm, but when she saw how strong it was, she went to a neighbour's house instead. That house too, although made of concrete, was badly damaged in the storm and lost its roof.

After the storm passed, there were

downed trees everywhere. The barangay captain handed out 'bolos' (machetes) so the men could clear the roads. Even so, it was a week before any vehicles were able to make it to the barangay.

Eighty per cent of the homes in the barangay were destroyed. The remaining houses were damaged.

Homeless, Carmensita lived for two weeks with her neighbour. Then a cousin sent her some money so that she could visit them on another island. She spent three months living there, but couldn't bear to be away from her home.

She went back. Her cousin salvaged materials from the storm's debris and built a makeshift shelter on the spot where she had lived.

That's where ADRA staff found her.

They had come to Calapawan to assess the damage and either build or repair houses for those who could not afford to do it on their own.

Even before Typhoon Haiyan, Carmensita had been dependent on her relatives, who would send her money for groceries.

When the ADRA staff saw her living conditions, there was no debate. Carmensita needed a new house and ADRA was going to help her get it.

Four months later, her house was one of the first in Calapawan to be completed. It is larger and more durable than her previous house. She feels better and safer.

Carmensita is Roman Catholic.

Before Typhoon Haiyan, she had heard of Adventists, but she had not heard of ADRA. Now, she is grateful for the generosity that has restored her peace of mind. Every time she sees ADRA staff she is full of joy and smiles.

"Thank you" she says "I now have a house."

In Calapawan alone, ADRA has helped to rebuild or repair over 200 homes.

Carmensita's house and many others would not have been built without the prayers and support of ADRA Canada's generous donors. Thank you for your faithfulness.

For more information on our projects, please visit www.adra.ca.



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News

Retreats to Grow and Strengthen Pastors and Elders

Each year retreats for pastors and elders are held throughout the Alberta Conference to provide training in leadership and evangelism. Approximately 180 individuals from across Alberta met in Edmonton and Calgary to strengthen their bonds and learn how they can impact hearts more powerfully.

Edmonton area pastors and elders met June 6-8 at Red Willow Community Church with Pastor Jonas Arrais

Pastor Jonas Arrais speaking at the Pastors/Elders retreat in the Red Willow Community Church.



Pastors/Elders retreat Calgary.

and Pastor Alfredo Marenko from the General Conference. On September 19-21, pastors and elders met in the Calgary Central Church. They were inspired by Robert Costa, also from the General Conference, to evangelize every Sabbath.

Friendship evangelism reaps huge rewards and is cost effective. Attendees were

reminded that Sabbath services should be welcoming, inviting, and comfortable for all in attendance. Pastor Costa shared how after welcoming the visitors, he invites them to meet for prayer after the service because he would like to pray for their families. A simple, yet effective endeavor. Both groups learned strategies to align with one another and work as a unified team.

—Submitted by Linda Steinke

College Heights Church Hosts Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Breakfast was held at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, November 2, 2014. Approximately 20 people enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Joan Spangler and each had opportunity to share their dream for prayer activities in the future. Several suggestions were made on how to best communicate and keep people informed regarding current and upcoming prayer events. The prayer group is exploring the idea of beginning a Sabbath School class that will have prayer as its main focus. Plans are in place to have a Prayer Conference in the New Year for the Central Region as well as the University and Academy campuses. Three students from Canadian University College joined the prayer breakfast and shared what they are doing to promote prayer amongst the students. Pastor Warren Kay concluded the prayer breakfast by challenging the participants to never give up on God or prayer and to realize that our reaction to unanswered prayer may reveal our need to understand God more fully and trust Him more deeply.

—Submitted by Pastor Warren Kay



(Left to Right) Cheryl Kay, Warren Kay and Shari Hagen.



College Heights Church Prayer breakfast.

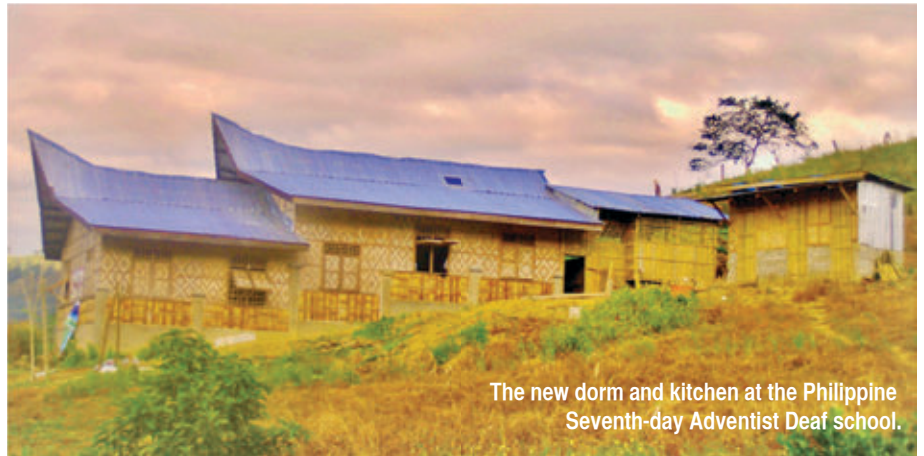
Alberta Conference Also Involved With World Deaf

The Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department is not only actively involved in promoting and helping in ministry to Deaf in Alberta, across Canada and throughout the USA, but also in various other countries. There is currently no other active Seventh-day Adventist Deaf Ministry department in Canada. We're looking into the possibility of having the Edmonton Impact 2015 meetings, which are taking place in April and May, interpreted for the Deaf. Also, we're nearing final production of a seven hour video series in Sign Language which will be used all across North America and even into some other countries where American Sign Language is at least partly understood.

The Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department actively works with many individuals and ministries involved with Deaf work throughout North America such as 'Three Angel's Deaf Ministries' [3ADM] of Maryland, USA. This independent ministry carries out much of the Seventh-day Adventist Deaf work in the USA and works in close cooperation with Debra Brill, Chair of the North American Division Deaf Ministry Committee. 3ADM has an excellent website located at www.3angelsdeafministries.org.

An individual that the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department works in close cooperation with is Dr. Larry Evans, the General Conference liaison for World Seventh-day Adventist Deaf Ministry. Pastor Blake has been to both Kenya and India with Dr. Evans, and both plan to visit Deaf work together in the Philippines in February 2015.

This department is also working with "A Better World" of Lacombe in raising funds to build two Seventh-day Adventist deaf schools. One is in Western Kenya, near Kisii, with 16 students and over \$16,000 has been raised for this project. The other is in Mindanao near Mountain View



The new dorm and kitchen at the Philippine Seventh-day Adventist Deaf school.



Two classrooms were just added to the new Seventh-day Adventist Deaf School near Kisii in western Kenya. Funds have been sent through "A Better World" to help build both deaf schools shown here.

College in the Philippines. This is under the direction of the church through the SULADS student missionary movement and so far \$32,000 has been sent for this building project. This year their attendance has almost doubled with 13 students. Because these students have had either limited or no schooling, they vary in age from 11 to 47. They want to learn to read and write regardless of their ages. This school has an active agricultural program and is growing a significant amount of the food used at their boarding school.

Pastor Blake also directs the deaf department at Gospel Outreach [GO], working with two assistants. Currently there are about 40 workers for the Deaf in nine countries: India, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, South Sudan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Brazil and the Philippines. Over half of these Lay Bible Workers (usually on a small stipend) are deaf themselves.

It has been said that until the Three Angel's Messages are also taken to the Deaf, our work as an Adventist church will not be finished, and Christ will not come! If you would like to have a special part in this ministry, please contact the Alberta Conference Deaf Ministry Department.



The SULADS Deaf School students working on planting rice at their deaf school in Mindanao in the Philippines.

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Spanish Women's Retreat

“Princesses of Jehovah” was the theme for the 2014 Spanish Women's Retreat held September 12-14 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Red Deer. Over 85 Hispanic ladies came from across Alberta to join their voices in praise and adoration to God.

The weekend was filled with powerful messages and activities which united the hearts of the attendees closer to each other and God. Guest Speaker, Gladis Aurea Cifuentes Molinari, inspired the ladies with her worship-filled music and profound insights from God's word and the Spirit of Prophecy. She led the ladies on a journey, preparing them not only to live on earth as Princesses of Jehovah, but also to be heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. She shared that Queen Esther prepared an entire year to participate in the pageant

of selecting a new Queen. Likewise, we need to prepare to inherit Heaven and be God's princesses. She also encouraged the ladies to embrace their high calling and reflect in their characters and deportment the beauty of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The early morning devotional thought was shared by Pastor Sandra Silva Deer. The pre-teen girls aged 8-12 in attendance enjoyed presentations and activities with Michelle Solheiro. Many non-Adventist women attended, including Tamara, who was invited as the result of a Kijiji transaction. Martha Valencia, Alexandra Aparicio, Yenny Garcia and Dilcia Tores are to be commended for organizing a spirit filled weekend which inspired the ladies to live each day as “Princesses of Jehovah.”
—Submitted by Pastor Sandra Silva Deer

(Photo right) Guest Speaker, Gladis Aurea Cifuentes Molinari (middle).



SAGE Goes RVing

SAGE Alberta has adopted RVing Weekend Retreats as “must-dos.” On September 7-9, a group of 32 individuals in 16 RVs met at Miquelon Provincial Park. Later, on September 14-17 a similar sized group branched out to Sheep River south of Calgary.

Fellowship and restoration of soul are the purpose for coming together. Campers usually share one potluck meal each day. They come together for morning and evening worship, hike/walk trails, take scenic drives, play games, and sit around the campfire.

Wondering how you can become a SAGEr? It's easy! Just show up! You must be 50 years young and looking for great times together. The next retreat will be held at Foothills Camp, February 6-10, 2015. Check your local church bulletin or Alberta Conference Weekly eNews for upcoming activities and join in.

—Submitted by Linda Steinke



(Top): Playing table games.

(Bottom): Listening to presentation by park staff.

New to the Pastoral Team

Pastor Enock Okwaro

From Mwanza, Tanzania in East Africa to Whitecourt and Edson in northern Alberta, Enock Okwaro is following in the footsteps of the apostle Paul as he works to bring revival and reformation to his new church community. Okwaro rises to the challenge of “And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14) He loves to preach and teach about Jesus Christ, our Righteousness, especially when those lessons come from Romans. Like Paul he declares, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16) Okwaro has the joy of contrasting work he loves to do on two continents. When not scouting out and nurturing souls, he likes to travel, read, play volleyball and soccer, and eat rice, plantain, and ugali with family and friends. “All of life is done best in the summer, of course,” he says. Hmm! I hope that he will find ways to enjoy the winter season also!



Enock Okwaro.



Seth and Cara Bussey.

Pastor Seth Bussey

Seth Bussey, his identical twin brother and sister grew up in Ontario and Newfoundland. The day after his graduation from CUC this spring, he married Cara Boyce. The two are pastoring in the Camrose/Ryley district. Seth and Cara want to show their members that they care about them. As a new husband and pastor, Seth sometimes faces the insurmountable, but always with a call to prayer that God can always answer: “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:6-7 NLT. “When we do this, God will always bestow peace,” says Bussey. King Hezekiah and the Psalms inspire him on a daily basis. Producing songs, running, biking, playing soccer, dates with his wife, Indian food, and the autumn season keep Bussey smiling and seeking ways to care for the flock God has given him.

Pastor Ted Deer

Harvest time at the farm (in Canora, Saskatchewan) will forever hold Ted Deer’s heart. Now he’s enlarged his heart space to forever hold his wife, Sandra (Silva). The two were married on August 17, 2014 and live in Lacombe. Ted Deer has a pastoral variety plate from which to share a feast. He is chaplain for PAA and CHCS, and part of the pastoral team of the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church. Most recently he was pastor at Hill Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Regina. Sharing in the experience of someone learning Bible truth for the first time, personal Bible study, and learning how to be used by God from Jeremiah are focus areas that Deer will balance with a youth chaplaincy focus. “I can identify with how Jeremiah wasn’t exactly willing at first to be used by God, but then couldn’t do anything else,” says Deer. No doubt “Jeremiah lessons” will apply readily as he looks for ways to provide a hands-on approach to experiencing Christianity with youth on the hilltop.



Ted and Sandra Deer.

Red Deer Church Hosts SEEDS Conference

Over the weekend of September 26-27, 2014, the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted SEEDS Alberta in preparation of a province-wide church-planting effort. Delegates from CUC's Religious Studies program, Lacombe Community Church, Blackfalds, Ponoka, and Fort Saskatchewan took part in addition to the members of the Red Deer congregation.

All in attendance were blessed by the inspiring testimonies of people who have taken part in church planting. Speakers from the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) and Andrews University shared insight into the research and the process of making friends for Jesus. Sabbath afternoon breakout sessions explored a range of topics, including how to build a healthy church planting team, and the benefit of hospitality ministries. Arranged by Don Corkum, Alberta Conference Church Planting Coordinator, the weekend program involved eight presenters describing their personal church planting experiences.

Tom Evans, NADEI Associate Director for Church Planting, Coaching, and Natural Church Development, shared strong Biblical insights into church plants from the New Testament (Acts 8, Acts 13, Acts 16, Acts 19). Brennen and Diana Vaneck, who are currently serving the Alberta Conference as Bible workers in Edmonton, told stories of the extravagant blessings that God has poured out over their developing relationships with church contacts. The overarching message was that people are hungry for the word of God and we must be ready to love and feed them.

Again, and again, encouragement was provided for those working in the field, but the repeated acknowledgment that it must be Christ-centered, Spirit-led work reminds us that church planting is a challenging call. Ultimately, it is a process that advocates for the Holy Spirit's intervention and a "harvest vision," as Evans explained.

The good news is that, with God's bless-

ing, church plants are not an irrelevant buzzword; they are an active focus of the Alberta Conference. This SEEDS Conference lays the groundwork for a proposed Central Alberta Evangelism effort in 2015. Church leaders and laypeople alike are being trained to pursue friendships and build trust with their communities so that people are informed and receptive to future evangelistic efforts.

The goal of a training weekend such as SEEDS is always to equip people for service. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit over Alberta's communities and the churches who will, over the next few months, strive to connect with them.

If you are interested in the instruction of the SEEDS conference, recordings of the plenary sessions and workshops are available for download on the Red Deer Church website (www.rdsda.ca). The next Alberta SEEDS Conference will be held in Edmonton September 25-26, 2015.

—Submitted by *Katelyn Ruiz*



Russell Burrill, former director of the North American Evangelism Institute.



Students and friends/family from CUC with Professor Bruce Boyd.



The presenters for the SEEDS weekend (left to right): Rodney and Pamela Mills, pastor couple from Texas; Lizeth Hernandez, church planting pastor from Texas; Russell Burrill, former director of NADEI; Tom Evans, associate director of NADEI; Brad Cauley, Church Planting Director of the Carolina Conference; Brittany Harwood, musician; Don Corkum, Alberta Conference Church Planting Coordinator.

SAGE Group on Ascension Rock where Advent believers waited for Jesus to return in 1844.

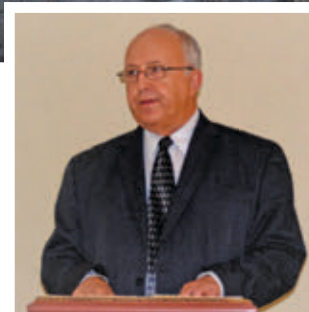
SAGERS Visit Adventist Heritage Sites

In 1620, the Mayflower arrived on the shores of North America with 102 weary English colonists. They were pilgrims, seeking freedom from religious oppression in a new land.

Two centuries later, thousands of their descendants joined the Millerite movement, abandoning homes and livelihood, seeking freedom in a new, heavenly land. Their hopes were dashed when Jesus did not appear in October of 1844. Most abandoned their hope, but from among the disappointed God drew together a tiny handful of diligent ones who went back to the scriptures. Led by the Holy Spirit, they discovered precious truths and launched a movement that now numbers nearly 20 million members worldwide.

This past October, SAGE Alberta drew 49 valiant seniors from three western provinces for a pilgrimage along the Adventist heritage trail. Members flew to Toronto to board a luxury coach for a 15-day tour through eleven northeastern states, traveling all the way from western Michigan to

Don & Phyllis Corkum at Hiram Edson farm in the pulpit where Ellen White spoke.



Left photo: Jim Nix from the White Estate speaking at the William Miller Chapel before Communion Service. Right photo: SAGE group singing in the William Miller Chapel.

Washington, D.C. Fall foliage in a glorious kaleidoscope of colours brought added enjoyment to travel through New England.

A buffet dinner at the top of the Sky-lon Tower, overlooking Niagara Falls, was the first event of the tour. But there were other tourist attractions along the way. Stepping aboard the Mayflower II at Plymouth, and conversing with role-playing “residents” of the nearby Pilgrim Village, seniors came face-to-face with America’s past. In the countryside near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, they observed and learned about the Amish people and their quaint ways. During a leisure day in the Washington, D.C. area, most took the opportunity to see the sights of America’s capital. And all enjoyed the almost overwhelming presentation of “Moses” at Lancaster’s Sight and Sound Theater.

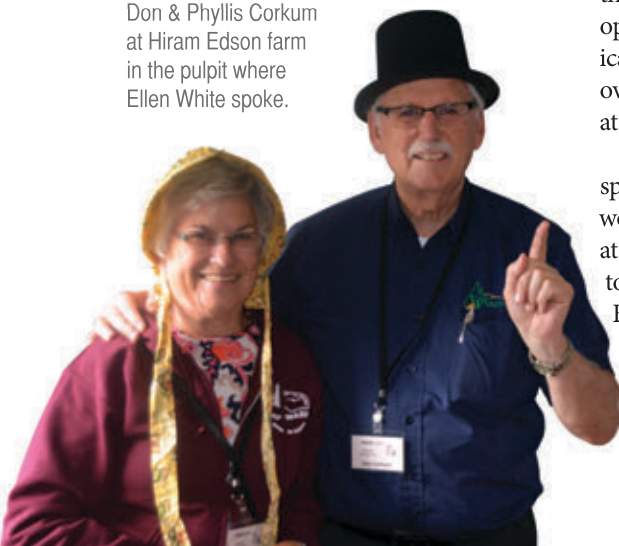
Tour members participated in many special experiences at Adventist sites: worshipping in Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University; taking guided tours of the Historic Adventist Village at Battle Creek, Michigan; participating in a memorable communion service at the William Miller Farm and nearby As-

ension Rock; enjoying a totally unexpected visit from GC president, Ted Wilson in the old Adventist Church in the woods near Washington, New Hampshire; having Jim Nix from the White Estate as guide and listening to his stories that brought past events to life; experiencing Sabbath worship in the historic Village Church at South Lancaster, Massachusetts; and touring the Church’s World Headquarters at Silver Spring, Maryland, where NAD president, Dan Jackson, greeted everyone.

What impact did the tour have on participants? “It was an amazing trip!” (Del and Audrey). “It was a spiritually uplifting experience for me” (Nadine). “Getting in touch with my Seventh-day Adventist roots was inspirational” (Bonnie). “It was a special experience that strengthened my faith and inspired new conviction to be faithful” (Anon).

Walking in the footsteps of our Adventist pioneers is a faith-strengthening exercise. Your love for Jesus deepens, your desire to see Him return grows stronger, and your pride in being an Adventist increases in new ways.

—Submitted by Keith Clouten



Let's Talk, Opportunity for Young Adults to Dialogue and Worship Together

Tucked away in downtown Edmonton, packed in a dimly lit basement space, art and graffiti filled the walls; worship music filled the room with intriguing sounds of poetry.

As the guitar strings strummed, three voices sang in harmony about the love of God. The audience listened intently and sang in their hearts. You could sense the presence of God that Sabbath morning.

Josh, a youth from the Word of Life Church in Red Deer, showed up and shared a touching testimony of how he used to be into drugs but through God's help his life was changed. He is now a dedicated and diligent disciple of Christ.

Over 25 young adults came together for what was known as, *Let's Talk*. It was held at IHUMAN Youth Society, a non-profit organization focused on helping and empowering traumatized youth; reintegrating youth into the community by developing skills, self-esteem and a sense of worth and ability through mentorship, crisis intervention and targeted programming. Enoch Attey, a recent graduate from CUC and now a youth worker in the music program at IHUMAN, graciously made this creative and warm space available for *Let's Talk*.

Let's Talk is an alternative church gathering that uses a safe and neutral creative space for young adults from ages 18-35 to come and be in community and dialogue about relevant topics and have a good meal while experiencing God's presence.

David Benjamin, the Assistant Youth Director of the Alberta Conference, stated, "We're realizing that more and more youth are not darkening the doorsteps of our churches. Youth church attendance is actually declining. The Alberta Conference Youth Department has been given a directive from the Alberta Conference Executive Committee (EXCOM) to find out why youth are leaving the church. Part of our approach

is to create more environments like *Let's Talk*, hoping to attract youth who have lost faith in the traditional church."

Kevin Kiers, Youth Director of the Alberta Conference, introduced the topic, "You Lost Me: Why Young Adults Are Leaving the Church?" "With over 70% of youth leaving the church, it was great to hear from the young adult perspective their thoughts on the subject," said Kiers.

David Kinnamen in his book 'You Lost Me' mentions 3 categories of young people. The first are nomads, who have left the church but not the faith. The second are prodigals, who have left the faith and its practices more or less altogether. The third group are the exiles, who find themselves in tension with certain beliefs and practices of the church as well as the surrounding culture, feeling themselves "between a rock and a hard place."

One young adult from Lacombe, Benjamin Amoah, said, "What youth are searching for is a real sense of community, a safe place to come and feel loved, supported and accepted...until our churches become a safe place to land, we will continue to see more and more youth leaving our churches."

Ja'Knet Knight, a social worker from Calgary, carefully introduced the sensitive subject, "Adam & Steve: Homosexuality & the Church." This topic created quite the conversation amongst the group. Many came to the realization that we must love the sinner as Christ loved, but understand that Christ also said, "Go and sin no more."

The last subject, "Unity in Community: Accepting the Unacceptable" was introduced by Brenden Zapotichny, a third year Theology student at Canadian University College. Brenden is a unique postmodern Christian who has hipster like qualities to him. Everywhere Brenden goes he reaches beyond his comfort zone to meet people and invite them into his circle of community. That day, a

group of non-Adventist youth from Red Deer came to *Let's Talk* because Brenden invited them. What an example of reaching across the divide and connecting with others to build community. "I'm so glad that the *Let's Talk* event took place right here at IHUMAN. To be honest, this was church for me...I haven't had something like this in a long time...you could feel community," said Enoch.

—Submitted by Lyle Notice



Lyle Notice (left) and Kevin Kiers (right).



Brenden Zapotichny, third year Theology student at Canadian University College.



Pastor Larry Hall (left) with Pavlo Polenchuk (right).



Group gathered for the first Western Canadian Camp Meeting for Russian speaking Adventists - Foothills Camp, AB.

First Western Canadian Camp Meeting for Russian Speaking Adventists

On September 12-14, 2014 over 160 Russian-speaking Adventists attended the first Western Canadian Camp Meeting at Foothills Camp. A few dedicated volunteers organized this event with the goal of fostering spiritual growth and renewal as well as providing Christian fellowship and the opportunity to worship in the Russian language.

Friday evening's vesper service featured music and a sermon based on the book of Esther by guest speaker, Pastor Arthur Stele entitled "Where is Your God." A prayer meeting early on Sabbath morning was followed by a special musical pro-

gram and Sabbath School. Pastor Larry Hall's welcome and expression of support on behalf of the Alberta Conference was met with a very positive response. "Who is Your God" was the title of Pastor Stele's sermon from the book of Psalms.

Attendees were grateful to the cafeteria ladies who prepared favourite dishes of this ethnic group. An afternoon seminar "You and Your Family" by Galina Stele focused on Christian family relationship issues. John 5:1-9 was the Bible passage on which Pastor Stele based his vesper talk entitled "What Type of God is Your God." Students from Canadian

University College prepared programs that were enjoyed by approximately 60 children and youth in attendance.

At a business meeting following vespers, the attendees voted to create a Russian Speaking Adventist Association of Western Canada and elected the following executive: President - Pavlo Polenchuk, Treasurer - Olga Tokareva and Secretary - Miroslava Antoniouk. The evening ended with a warm camp fire.

Sunday morning's early prayer meeting was followed by a delightful pancake breakfast.

—Submitted by Miroslava Antoniouk

Outdoor Survival Training

On October 24-26, Pastor Mike Lowe, an expert Military Trained survivalist, conducted an outdoor survival training weekend with 20 individuals at Sherwood Forest. Each participant received a small zip lock bag of survival materials that included a slingshot replacement band, 550 lb military paracord, 24 gauge wire and a metal match. Lowe emphasized the importance of knowing how to build a fire in any weather condition. "Not only will it keep you warm," said Lowe, "you can use it to purify water, cook a meal and also use it as a smoke signal for rescue teams to identify your location." He demonstrated how to use a metal match, start a three man friction fire with bow and drill, and select the right kind of wood/materials to start and build a fire.



Fire building training.



Group gathered around the fire.



Mike Lowe teaching survival skills.

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Ordination/Commissioning, Camp Meeting 2014

A beautiful Ordination/Commissioning service was held during the Alberta Camp Meeting, July 12, 2014. This was a very special event for three pastors in the Alberta Conference - Michael Corbell, Lyle Notice and Sandra Silva. Ken Wiebe, President of the Alberta Conference, welcomed all in attendance and introduced the candidates. The song "Devotion" was sung by all the pastors of the Alberta Conference. President of the North American Division, Dan Jackson, entitled his message to the candidates "The Cost of Discipleship." Each candidate was then presented by their sponsors. Larry Hall, Secretary of the Alberta Conference, offered the prayer of consecration and Pastor George Ali, Ministerial Director of the Alberta Conference, gave the charge. Pastor Wiebe and his wife, Vera, welcomed the candidates. Alberta Conference Treasurer, Keith Richter, offered the Benediction and the service closed with Pastor Wiebe expressing appreciation and presenting a medallion to each of the retired pastors in the Alberta Conference. —Submitted by Jenny Nickel



Michael and Janelle Corbel

Michael Corbel was born and raised in Calgary. He graduated from CUC in 2003 and is married to Janelle (Rasmussen). He currently pastors the Oneway and Westlock churches. Michael has a passion for preaching, evangelism and studying God's Word.



Lyle and Cheri Notice

Lyle Notice grew up in Toronto, Ontario and is married to Cheri (Knight). In 2005 Lyle completed a Theology degree at CUC and then enrolled in the Masters of Divinity program. In May 2012 he joined the Alberta Conference as Associate Youth Director. He has a deep passion for youth ministry and youth culture.

Sandra and Ted Deer

Sandra Silva Deer grew up in Hamilton, Ontario. She attended the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism and in 2010 graduated with a Masters of Divinity degree. Sandra serves as Women's Ministries, Personal Ministries (CHANGE School of Evangelism), and KIDS in Discipleship director for the Alberta Conference. Sandra is passionate about sharing her love for Jesus with others. In August, she married Ted Deer, who serves as PAA/CHCS Chaplain and Assistant Pastor for the College Heights Church.





Franz Unger (left) receiving his certificate from Pastor Ken Wiebe at the Change School of Evangelism graduation. Also pictured, directors of Change, Pastor Sandra Deer and Nwamiko Madden.

School of Evangelism Goes on the Road

I am a third year theology student at Canadian University College. For many years, I knew God was calling me to ministry, and through a set of providential circumstances, I was able to move to Alberta and enroll at CUC. During my first summer break, I took an opportunity to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. This not only took me out of my comfort zone but also began to teach me the joy of evangelism. I relished this experience, and began looking for ways to continue the evangelistic experience.

As my second school year began, my newlywed wife and I did what we could to get by financially. God provided, but I also began feeling Him pointing me in the direction of Change School of Evangelism. I was excited by the prospect, but also had nagging doubts as to how we would be able to survive with me out of work and in school full time for three months during the summer. In the end however, I decided to put finances, family and life fully in God's hands, and enrolled in Change. God is faithful; a week into classes, I received news that the job I had left to attend Change would be waiting for me when I finished, with a significant raise added to the mix. God had fulfilled His promises to provide.

Of course, one can have all the knowledge and insight in the world, but without a personal relationship with God, it is all for naught. Change also focuses on this aspect of ministry. One course that particularly helped teach us how to further our relationships with God was Christian Spirituality. I found that it helped me learn to balance my relationship with God. The presenters brought to the classroom years of their own personal experience, both struggles and victories. They shared situations that God used to teach, guide and strengthen them. This was a huge blessing to me; knowing that you are not alone and that others have walked the same path before you brings tremendous encouragement.

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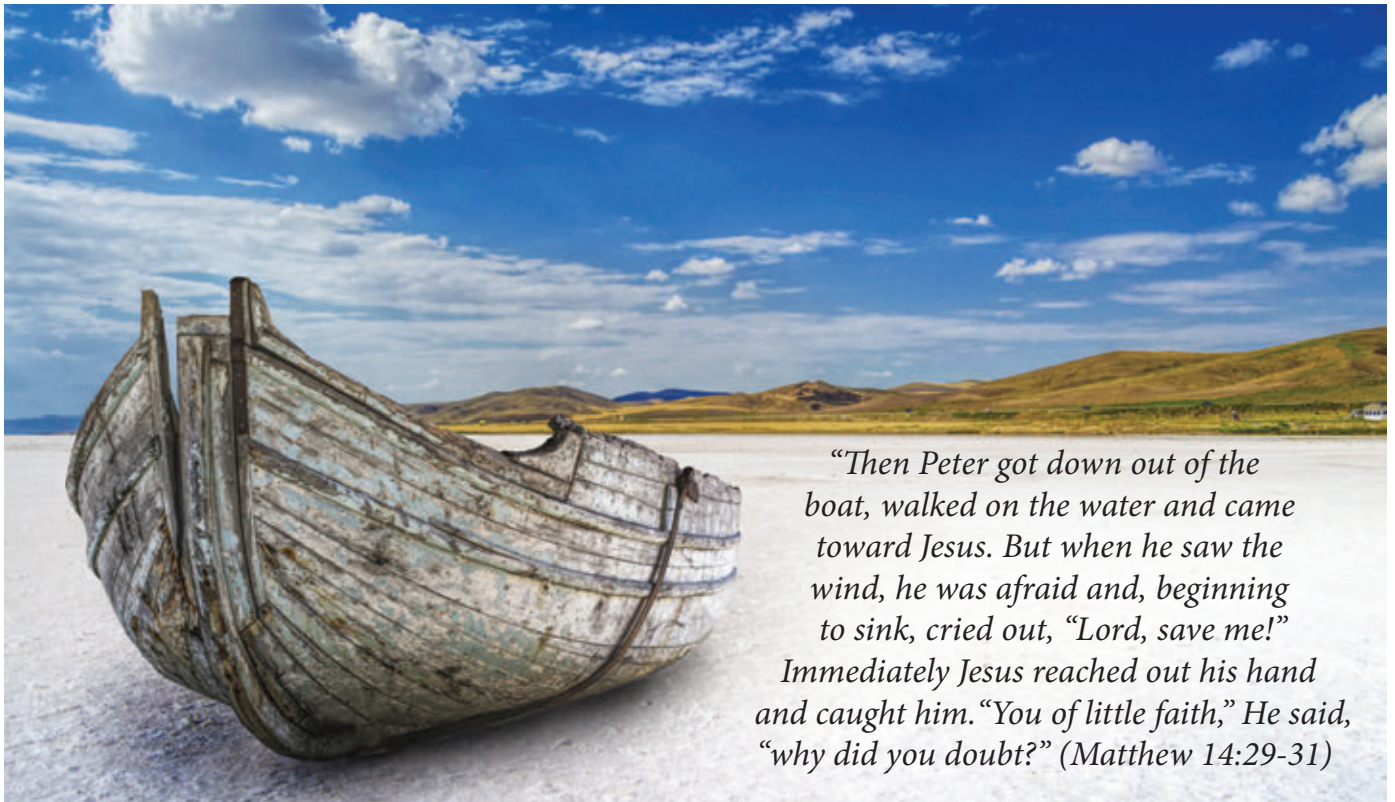
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We chose Leduc, a community within driving distance from Lacombe, as the central area for our class outreach. As we did the door to door evangelism, it opened our eyes more and more to the fact that there are people in the communities around us that are thirsting for the love of God! I learned the value of having a partner to pray with and receive encouragement from after either a rejection or acceptance. Going door-to-door was at first an uncomfortable thought for me, but after having gone through Change and received mentoring, I am now not only comfortable with it, but see it as an important tool for reaching people that otherwise might not hear the message.

After taking Change, I couldn't just return to my classes without continuing to use what I had learned. Together with the directors of Change, Pastor Sandra Deer and Nwamiko Madden, we put together a team and a program that would take Change to communities and congregations that may not have an opportunity to attend the courses for three months. This program is called Change on the Road, and is intended to teach various types of evangelism relevant to the particular community. Our first trip was to Beauvallon on October 24 – 25, 2014. The congregation received us with open arms and much support.

After completing Change and being an active part of door-to-door evangelism as well as an evangelistic series, it is clear to me what God is calling me to do. Go and make disciples of those around me, sharing with those that are hurting and in desperate need of Jesus.

—Submitted by Franz Unger, CHANGE Graduate



“Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ He said, ‘why did you doubt?’ (Matthew 14:29-31)

If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat

Every day you and I take another leg of our journey on this earth. We only get one trip and it is nice to know there is Someone piloting this earth. The question is, are His character and competence such that He can be trusted?

The Story of Peter walking on the water with Christ is one of the greatest pictures of extreme discipleship in Scripture. It shows the delicate balance between faith and fear.

So let’s take a quick look at what goes into the making of water walkers:

1. Water Walkers Recognize God’s Presence

At three o’clock in the morning the disciples were doing everything they could to keep the boat upright, staying alive, and making it to the other side. That is when they saw a “ghost” on

the water. Stop and think about this for a moment—the very person who could help them was approaching only they didn’t recognize Jesus. Scripture says Jesus intended to pass them by. He was trying to reveal to the disciples his divine presence and power—a thing only God could do. He was telling them they could trust Him. They could put their destiny in His hands.

Jesus still asks His followers to do extraordinary things and if we are not looking for Him, we might just miss Him.

2. Water Walkers Discern Between Faith and Foolishness

Why doesn’t Peter just plunge into the water? Before Peter gets out of the boat he had better make sure Jesus thinks it’s a good idea. So he asks for clarification. “If it’s you, command me.....”

We will have to discern between an authentic call from God and what might be a foolish impulse on our part. Courage alone is not enough; it must be accompanied by wisdom and discernment.

3. Water Walkers Get out of the Boat

So what were the conditions under which Peter was going to get out of the boat? Stormy, loud wind, the waves rolling into the boat, perhaps thunder, the boat being tossed to and fro, and the disciples yelling at each other—bail, bail, bail!

It would have been enough to walk on the water when it was calm and serene let alone imagine trying to do it under adverse conditions. So, if you were Peter and knew it was Christ walking on the water, would you choose the safe secure and comfortable boat or would you get out

of the boat where the waves were high and choppy, very windy, there is a storm out there and you could sink?

There is one thing for sure, if you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat. We were made for something more than sitting in the boat and avoiding failure.

What is our boat? Our boat is whatever we are tempted to put our trust in, especially when life gets a bit stormy; whatever keeps us comfortable that we don't want to give it up; it's whatever pulls us away from Jesus.

What area in your life are you shrinking back from fully and courageously trusting God? Leaving that fear may be the hardest thing you ever do.

4. Water Walkers Expect Problems

Peter goes to the side of the boat. The other disciples are watching—they have seen Peter shoot off his mouth before and they wonder exactly what he is doing. He lifts one leg over the side and carefully hanging on lets go. He abandons himself to the power of Jesus and suddenly for the first time in history an ordinary human is walking on water.

For a while it seems just Jesus and Peter are present. Then it happens.... Peter sees his surroundings... what was he thinking?... then he became terrified when he realized there was not a boat beneath him. The storm was no surprise.... it was there all the time. What really happened was Peter's focus shifted from the Saviour to the storm.

We all know what it is like to face the wind—new job; wanting to serve God in a new way—you are full of hope and excitement then reality sets in, doubt, setbacks, unexpected obstacles—the wind. Everything is risky.

5. Water Walkers Accept Fear as the Price of Growth

The choice to follow Jesus is the choice to grow and it's the choice for the

“There is one thing for sure, if you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat. We were made for something more than sitting in the boat and avoiding failure.”

constant recurrence of fear. Fear will never go away, because each time we choose to grow it will involve going into new territory and each time we do that we will experience fear again.

The 11 disciples in the boat could

be called “boat potatoes” because they didn't mind watching, they actually didn't want to do anything.

We are similar—we want some comfort associated with spirituality, but don't want the risk and challenge that go along with actually following Jesus. Yet Jesus is still looking for people to step out of the boat.

6. Water Walkers Master Failure Management

So was Peter a failure? In a way he was—his faith wasn't strong enough; he saw the wind; he took his eyes off Jesus.

May I suggest there may have been 11 other failures sitting in the boat.... they failed quietly and privately? Their fear went unnoticed, unobserved, uncriticised. Only Peter knew the shame of public failure. He also knew the glory of walking on the water and being empowered by God to actually do it. And Peter knew the glory of being lifted up by Jesus.

The worse failure is not to sink in the waves, but it is to never get out of the boat.

7. Water Walkers See Failure as an Opportunity to Grow

Jesus pinpoints Peter's problem—Oh ye of little faith, why did you doubt? And He makes the comment while they are alone on the water. Whether Peter water walked or sank depended on whether he focused on the storm or on Jesus. Now Peter understood the dependence on faith much deeper that he would have if he had never left the boat. It was his willingness to risk failure that helped him grow.

Principle: Failure does not shape you; the way you respond to failure shapes you.

8. Water Walkers Learn to Wait on the Lord

Why couldn't Jesus have made the wind die down before Peter got out of the boat? Maybe because they—like us—need to learn something about waiting. We have to learn to wait on the Lord to receive power to walk on water. We have to wait for the Lord to make the storm disappear.

9. Water Walking Brings a Deeper Connection with God

Jesus is still looking for people to get out of the boat. Why risk it?

- **It's the only way to really grow.**
- **It's the way true faith develops.**
- **It's the alternative to boredom and stagnation that causes people to wither up and die.**
- **It's the part of discovering and obeying your calling.**
- **Best reason of all—the water is where Jesus is.**

If you get out of the boat two things may happen:

- **When you fail, Jesus will be there to pick you up; you will not fail alone; Jesus is wholly adequate to save.**
- **Every once in a while, you will walk on water.**

The challenge for the day is: Let's get out of the boat.



Janet Griffith
Education Superintendent
Alberta Conference

Canadian University College Serve Lacombe Day 2014

Over 150 faculty, staff and students spent Thursday afternoon, September 25, 2014 helping others as part of CUC's annual Serve Lacombe Day. This year's event was expertly organized by Kaitlin Grovet, a 4th-year Business major from Lacombe. "I never imagined this year being so successful," said Grovet. "It was phenomenal to see the willingness of my fellow students to help others!"

"Jesus took the time to fulfill people's basic needs, and through acts of service, we can follow his example," said Grovet. "That is what Service Day is truly about, and I'm confident that

we were able to accomplish that this year. We met our community's needs, and that is what made it a success."

This year there were 22 different service opportunities for participants to choose from. Reviewing service options and signing up was made easy with online tools. Service opportunities ranged from removing mould to singing to seniors.

One of the more unusual service opportunities allowed students to use their artistic gifts painting and decorating Lacombe's trash bins. One of the most popular service options was working at Ruff 'n Tumble

Doggie Day Care and Kennels.

"Pastor Adam was so amazing to work with," said Grovet. "Without his openness to ideas, willingness to do whatever was needed whenever I asked and love for our community, I would never have succeeded in heading up this project." Grovet added that the backbone of her leadership team for this project was Jessica Hall. "That girl amazes me with her dedication, hard work, and love she pours into her work!" explained Grovet. "There is no way I could have done this without her."

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CUC students picking up roadside garbage.



CUC students painting community trash bins.



CUC participants of the 2014 Serve Lacombe Day.



Left photo: Coach Rachel McQueen with CHCS Junior Division I players.

Right photo: Students enjoying a game of flag football at the 2014 CUC hosted tournament.

CUC Hosts 2nd Annual Flag Football Tournament

More than 180 students from five schools* spent the weekend of October 25-26, 2014 on the Canadian University College campus enjoying spiritual renewal, making new friends and playing many exciting flag football games. Canadian University College's 2nd Annual Flag football tournament was organized by Vice President for Student Services Stacy Hunter and his associate Rachel McQueen. "This was a fantastic weekend for students from Alberta and British Columbia to come together

and spend spiritual time, service time and participate in the football tournament," said Hunter. "With over 180 students involved, we hope the fun of the snow storm and friendships made this weekend one that will be remembered forever."

On Sabbath the students took part in Sabbath School presented by Peace Christian School. Kevin Keirs, Youth Director for the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists spoke for the church service. After lunch the students prepared bags for the local food

bank. After that they were able to choose from three different activities: A hike, a Bible-based scavenger hunt, or a Christian movie.

On Sunday, despite snow, wind, rain and sleet, 14 teams in 3 divisions played flag football.

*Coralwood Academy, Peace Christian School, College Heights Christian School, Mamawi Atosketan Native School, Parkview Adventist Academy.

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Two students from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (Calgary) smile as they learn about praise band leadership.



CUC's Marketing Director, Bryan Lee, coaches students on Proclaim's approach to stage presence in a workshop session.



Dr. Monroe coaching students in the PAA/CUC Choir Room.

PAA Fall Music Festival

Of all the fun events on this busy campus, the music workshops of October 30-November 1, 2014 rank as the best yet! Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) invited musicians from Alberta's Adventist schools to sing together and participate in praise for the first ever offered Fall Music Festival. PAA choir members acted as ambassadors to the 75 students who joined the Choral Union from places as far away as Calgary and Rosthern, SK. While hosting social activities, meals, and worships, PAA emphasized a program that was both spiritually uplifting and musically edifying.

Registered schools received two choral pieces chosen by Dr. Wendolin Monroe, director of the Choral Union, prior to arriving on campus. Students then chose from a variety of workshops including ukulele training, praise band leadership, performance, and song writing. The PAA/CUC ministry team IMPACT trained students in a music-drama workshop, which was a highlight for those students who were able to perform with the team after the introductory session.

The PAA/CUC campus vespers program on October 31 was hosted entirely by Festival Participants, including several wonderful ensemble pieces and solos.

Grades 7-12 performers presented various musical selections, revealing the immense talents of academy students and the strength of denominational music programs. PAA Chaplain, Pastor Ted Deer, shared encouraging words for those in the audience who may not be as skilled as the student performers: His thoughts pointed toward Heaven, and a time when all will join in praising God together.

The pinnacle performance of the Festival was the mass choir special music selections shared at both services of PAA's home church, College Heights. Dr. Monroe led the Festival participants in three collective choir practices in preparation for the Sabbath morning songs. Their efforts were blessed and well received by



Calgary student enjoys learning about the ukulele in one of the Festival's breakout sessions.

everyone in attendance, including those present in the church and those who witnessed the program via live-streaming.

PAA offers special thanks to Chinook Winds Adventist Academy's music director, Rachel Miranda; College Heights Christian School music instructor, Tricia Gabrys; Rosthern Christian School music sponsors, Kristy Landry and Rebecca Landry; South Side Christian School vocalist, Rachel Steinke; and Parkview Adventist Academy administrators, Angie Bishop and Rod Jamieson, who helped to coordinate this spectacular event.

Collaborative learning between Adventist academies is fostered by many of the outdoor and athletic programs offered for students, but this is the first joint artistic venture between Alberta's church schools. The weekend's festivities proved to be an inspiring educational experience for participating students and laid the groundwork for fostering friendships that will be reaffirmed in Heaven. What a privilege for PAA to share in this special weekend! Students and staff look forward to extending many more invitations for Adventist students to visit campus and be part of the fantastic programming produced here. —Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz

NAD Gives Mamawi Atosketan Native School “Academy” Status, Recommends Expansion

The North American Division (NAD) granted “Academy” status to Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) during its October 30–November 2, 2014 meetings. This historic event makes MANS Canada’s first and only mission school a part of the sisterhood of Adventist senior academies.

Prior to the formal decision, General Conference personnel made an on-site visit to MANS on September 18 and 19, 2014. They left with the promise to recommend approval of the school’s application for official denominational status.

The NAD decision was preceded by permission from the province of Alberta to offer grades K-12 at MANS three years ago.

The blessing of the NAD education department will have a significant impact on high school completion rates among MANS students, says Wilton, who expects MANS completion rate to be far above the national average for First Nations students.

“Now we can carry our students from Kindergarten through to completion of Grade 12,” stated Principal Gail Wilton. “We can also provide direction to students for college and higher education opportunities. A K-12 program will allow us to significantly impact the completion of high school in this community. Currently we have one Grade 11 student making plans to get an education degree and return to MANS to teach.”

“Space is extremely tight right now,” said Wilton, citing MANS’ current enrollment of 184 students in a building intended to hold 120. “Upon fulfillment of the committee recommendations—one of them being increased physical space—there will be a re-visit for the final accreditation. Accordingly, we are making plans to move forward with a building program in the near future.”

Despite the addition of two classrooms last year, MANS continues to turn away more students than it can accept at every grade level, so the NAD requirement that the physical plant be expanded came as no surprise to Wilton.

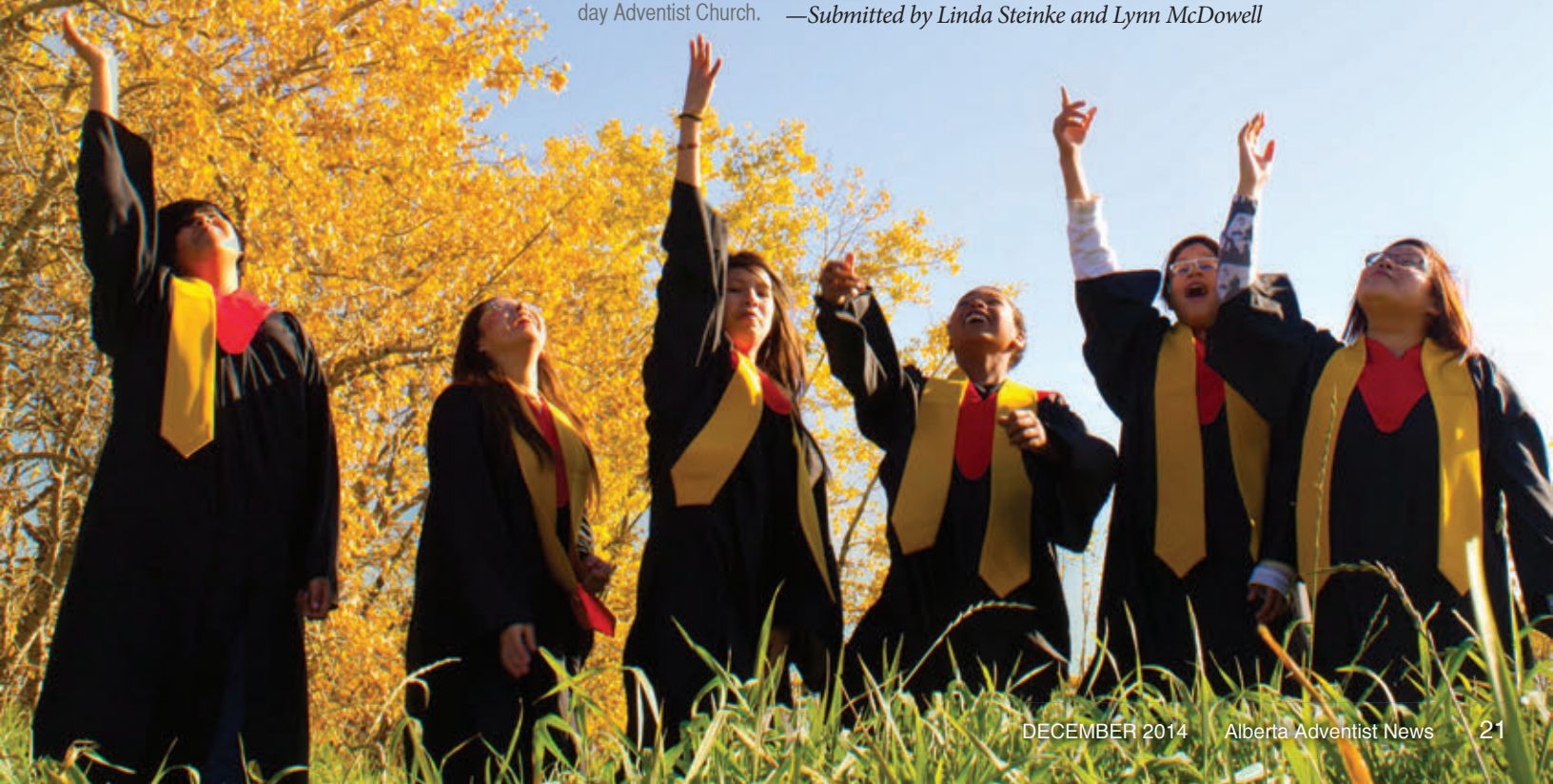
“We are excited for the future!” said Wilton.

—Submitted by Linda Steinke and Lynn McDowell



Mamawi Atosketan Native School.

The MANS Grade 9 graduating class of 2012, pictured, will be the first to graduate with a MANS high school diploma conferred by the Province of Alberta and the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.





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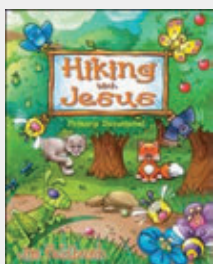
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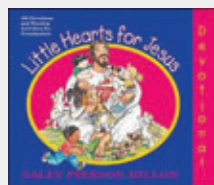
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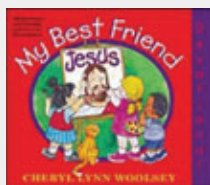
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College Heights Christian School

Alberta Industrial Academy Primary School began in the fall of 1909 offering Grades 1-6. During these beginning years, mature students who needed to upgrade, (in order to attend Alberta Industrial Academy—the CUC of that day), attended classes along with primary aged children. The parents recognized the need for their children to be nurtured in their own environment. So in August of 1912 the local church built an 18 X 24 foot building at a cost of \$325 that accommodated 25 students. It was located on the present-day Aurora Athletic Field.

In 1928-29 another building consisting of two large main-floor classrooms and an assembly and recreation room in the basement, was built on the site of the present site of the College Heights Adventist Church to accommodate students in Grades 1-8. This school was known as Canadian Junior College Elementary School.

As the junior college required more and more space, a third elementary school building with a full basement was erected on the present College Heights Christian School (CHCS)* site in 1947.

Over the next 67 years, seven additions, including two portable classrooms, were added to the original 1947 structure. Today the school houses Grades K-9 classrooms, a library, gymnasium, science lab, kitchen, and computer lab.

Enrollment peaked to 244 during the 1970s and 1980s when students carpooled from neighbouring communities. As some of these communities opened schools of their own, the enrolment slowly declined to the 130s.

In March 1971, the college administration transferred ownership and operation of the elementary school to the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The local church then shared more responsibility in the financial operation of the school and established a board to assist in the administration of the school.

Over the years the elementary and junior high grades have reaped the benefits of many volunteer and support staff from the college. CUC education students have earned some of their practicum experience in the church school while others have earned money doing custodial work, driving the church school bus, or working as an educational assistant.

Playground equipment has emerged and matured along with CHCS. From swings, teeter-totters, monkey bars and a sandbox to an indoor gymnasium, a large outdoor jungle-gym area, a paved pad, ball field, playing field with goal posts, times have changed.

The good old days of boot and jacket goal posts have yielded to official tournaments with referees and time clocks. But it's all good and part of the maturing process. Fond memories of winter snow sliding and skating are now being replaced by tournament memories and swimming in the CUC pool.

CHCS is blessed with an active Home and School Association which raises funds for school projects, provides Room Mothers for each classroom, and assists with other needs of the school.



Students entering CHCS 2012.



Kids arriving at school.

Because of its central location, CHCS is often host to province wide sports days, tournaments, and in-service days for teachers. Extra-curricular activities include ski days, corn maze day, orienteering for Junior High students, and conference-wide outdoor activities (Grade 5-9). Students participate in a number of outreach activities throughout the year: Lacombe Food Bank, highway clean-up, *Operation Christmas Child*, *A Better World*, *Meals on Wheels*, and others as they become pertinent. Each year CHCS hosts an afternoon Christmas program followed by soup and sandwiches for community seniors. All these programs help to support CHCS's mission "to nurture, educate and equip students to impact their world for Jesus."

* Aka: Alberta Industrial Academy Primary School, Canadian Junior College Elementary School, Canadian Union College Elementary School, Lacombe SDA Church School, College Heights Adventist Junior Academy.
—Submitted by Linda Steinke





CHCS students.



CHCS students/staff.

College Heights Christian School—Junior High Outdoor Education

There are currently 25 students enrolled in the Junior High Outdoor Education class at CHCS. During the first term they learn basic camping skills such as fire building, identifying plants, efficiently packing a back-pack, and how to build an emergency shelter. The highlight of the course is the three day backpacking adventure. This year the students hiked 8 kms into the “Forks” campground in the Peter Lougheed Provincial Park. There were five people on the trip who had never backpacked previously, but they rose to the occasion and learned quickly how to keep a good pace, readjust their packs, enjoy their surroundings, and appreciate the many stops for snacks. It is always amazing how students who were exhaustedly trudging along the path get a huge burst of energy after camp is set up. They ran around and played games until the sun went down on both nights, while the adults enjoyed the comfort of a nice warm fire. The worships around the fire were beautiful, singing songs to our Creator and pondering His majesty that was so evident all around.

On the second day, everyone woke up to a beautiful view of the mountains. Unfortunately, the clouds quickly rolled in, but the group headed out with good spirits for more adventure anyway. The trail up to Three Isle Lake had a variety of scenery moss covered forest, a waterfall, rocky areas, and a steep climb to the lake. It was quite windy at the top, so students were excited when they found a

tight group of trees to find shelter in. A few brave (crazy) people attempted to fish, but it was just too blustery out. After an hour at the top, during which everyone ate lunch and attempted to stay warm, the group headed down the mountain back to camp. The return trip was faster as it was downhill. When people recognized familiar landmarks they realized how quickly they were progressing and, in general, just felt more cheerful about the hike.

The other big highlight was the bear! A group of students were sitting just outside of camp with an assortment of traps and peanuts attempting to catch a squirrel. (Several students were actually successful in catching – and releasing – these quick rodents.) At one point when they looked up, the students saw a bear walking down the path toward them! They quickly and quietly got up and retreated into camp where they (not as quietly) alerted everyone that there was a bear. At this point the bear was already past the camp, continuing on down the path. Mr. Irish hurried up the bear’s departure by shooting off a bear banger. That was about it for wildlife – a bear, lots of squirrels, and a few birds.

Overall, the group had a wonderful time. Everyone was very helpful and made sure that all campers in the group were taken care of. The group hiked back to the bus, tired but quite proud of what they had accomplished together.

—Submitted by Jai Dubyna, Grade 8 Teacher.

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South Side Christian School (SSCS)

South Side Christian School (SSCS) (aka Red Deer Adventist Academy) can still claim its “country setting” status, but maybe not for too much longer as the city of Red Deer pushes its boundaries outward. Established in 1981, the staff, its board, the church, and the parents are committed to providing quality education in a Christ-filled environment, where students can experience the love of God every day.

A committed Red Deer Church member donated a piece of land in April, a building superintendent was chosen, and volunteer laborers erected

walls ready to welcome students in September of 1981. The gymnasium was not completed until the following year.

SSCS can be likened to the “sandwich generation” in that they are sandwiched between two nearby Christian schools. Perhaps the purchase of their new “MicroBird” school bus will make choosing Christian education easier for those in the area. The students are proud of this bus and 86% of students use it to and from school each day. Field trips will also be more accessible without having to deal with transportation issues.

A four-day week and small class sizes are attractive to those who attend. SSCS is a beautiful blend of cultures and faiths. Last year the school was blessed with a school choir. Smart-boards enhance teaching methodology and provide opportunities for immediate interaction of the students. Students had several opportunities to utilize the new picnic tables. Lunch tastes so much better in the fresh air and sunshine.

Check out SSCS on Facebook or email them at admin@southsidechristianschool.ca
—Submitted by Linda Steinke



Learning together.



Gym class outside.



Eating lunch at the picnic tables.



South Side Christian School bus.



By Dr. Jason Chang

A Time to Remember

As I introduced myself, I was arrested by his powerful, vice-like, handshake. It was the surprising grip from the dominant, right-hand of an 88-year-old gentleman. As a sociable segue into his chief medical complaint that day in the Royal Alexandra Hospital Emergency Room (ER) I was compelled to ask what he used to do in his earlier years. Prior to his full-time occupation as a machinist, he was a gunner with the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II. He and his pilot flew some 30 sorties over various parts of German-occupied Europe. I was humbled and privileged to have momentarily locked hands with a dramatic part of world

history, through this unbeknownst hero, and to be his attending physician in the ER that day. I was genuinely honoured to have met him, and I let him know. He appreciated the recognition, and I could tell when he leaned forward and he asked for my name again.

I was curious about her accent, so I asked from what part of England she was from, and how long she'd been in Canada. She was 80, and even though she had lived in Canada for most of her life, her Cockney accent was still musically evident. She spent her childhood in East London, so with a quick bit of math I asked if she was there during the Second World War. Indeed, she recalled having

to run home from school to hide in the makeshift bomb-shelter each home was to have prepared in their various cellars. I was held captive to her reminiscence. Simultaneous and at times overwhelming stresses are routine at "The Alex." So, when a precious moment like this is afforded, for an ever rarer figure as this from the war-era, I'll take an extra breath to enter the museum of memories he or she may curate me through.

This year marks two monumental anniversaries in war history: 100 years since the beginning of The Great War (also known as World War I, 1914), and 60 years since the Invasion of Normandy (also known as D-Day, June 6, 1944), the

turning point in World War II. In these wars, there were not deaths of dozens or hundreds, not even thousands or hundreds of thousands – the casualties and deaths soared into the millions. In the span of just four and six years, during World War I over 16 million people's lives were exterminated, while in World War II over 80 million people were wiped off the face of the earth. The staggering number of deaths were even calculated as a percentage of entire nations' populations. It reached, and affected every person on the planet.

After work, on some late evenings, driving home or in the shower, I'll decompress, reissue my thoughts, and let them resonate in my mind. I'm thankful, I did not have to live in that volatile time of earth's history – in either of the horrible world wars. And, I'm thankful to those who fought, sacrificed, and even laid down their very own lives – that I may live in peace and freedom today.

War and sacrifice are two terms that take on greater significance, and deeper meaning, when it comes to the entire history and existence of this earth – not just the last hundred years. If D-Day on the beaches of Normandy, France was the turning point in World War II, then the greatest war of all time changed tides on a hill called Golgotha, also known as Calvary, out in the Middle East. In the war of all ages, the ultimate sacrifice was made there for all eternity.

In war, the strongest, and swiftest, and smartest win. How is it then, in this so-called war, was death considered victory (1 Cor. 1:17)? All must contend with the embarrassing paradox of God nailed to a cross. Today, that scene is construed to be a source of absurdity and parody, if not apathy, and easily dismissed as a foreign and very foolish fabrication. But, can you imagine how utterly disappointed and disillusioned His disciples, His closest friends on earth, became when they watched all of this unravel real-time? Wasn't He supposed to be their king? When is He going to finally deliver them from Roman occupation, and establish His kingdom?

Although we cannot obtain the answer to every immoral and unjust occurrence

in this life, on this planet, one cannot say that the God we believe in does not care (Isaiah 53:4-7, John 3:16-17). In the same breath, we must also recognize that planet earth, and all that is in it including ourselves, is not in the state it was created. The laws of nature, and the nature of our hearts, have become polluted and perverted. The way the world is, is not the way it's supposed to be. Knowing this does not make the pain and suffering go away. But, pain in this life is important, as it is a significant symptom and indicator for an underlying problem – in the human body, as well as in the world we live in.

This year is not only monumental in war history, it is monumental in my own personal history. I turned 40 this year – previously called “over-the-hill.” It's also been a momentous year because my second child (Macarthur Lucas) turned one, and in Korean culture this is cause for an especially auspicious celebration – called “Dohl.” In the context of the passage of both commemorative war history and personal anniversaries this year, on this Remembrance Day the images and atrocities of war I fathom, as an older man, a husband, and a father, I do so at a deeper level than ever.

Many who went into the World Wars were not finely tuned human specimens, as in the Navy Seals or Special Ops Forces. He could've been a doting father who cradled his newborn in his arms only a few times, or a vibrant, promise-filled son who not yet realized his potential, or a newlywed husband that was madly in love with his wife. Many who went into the World Wars were rural lads dragged from their quiet farms or urban boys pulled from their comfortable city dwellings. Filled with youthful energy, they were nervous and naive of the dangers that lay ahead in the trenches – millions to never return. Expand the picture to the bystanders, the innocent civilian families, pregnant expecting mothers, delicate infant babies, radiant little children (I've been blessed with a beautiful wife, and the most adorable little daughter and son a father could ask for) – killed in a war they never agreed to or asked to be part of, but not unlike

the war all of us are thrust into.

A lot about war was and still is immoral and inexcusable. Pure, innocent, helpless lives are lost. It is not fair. But, which war am I referring to?

Remembrance Day (at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; Eleven o'clock on November 11th) in Canada, as well as in other countries around the world, under various names, is a special time dedicated to honour those who've served and sacrificed their lives for their country – they deserve every bit of our utmost respect (John 15:13). Each Remembrance Day I also remember the loved ones I've lost in my own lifetime, too early in theirs – due to an unexpected cancer or even an untimely accident – and I reflect on the larger, active war that is being waged. More colossal than both World Wars put together, every person on this planet is directly affected by and involved in this war – war on earth as it was in heaven (Eph. 6:13-17; Luke 10:18; Rev 12:7-12), a reality we must also remember. But, to paraphrase three legendary words from a famous American general, “Jesus shall return” (John 14:1-4; Rev. 1:7; 21:4) and one day soon all wars will forever be put to rest.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

—R.L.Binyon





Red Cross booth.

Pastor Ron Henderson with Esther Yaceyko (Lacombe Community Church Health Director).



Lacombe Community Church Conducts Health Expo in Clive

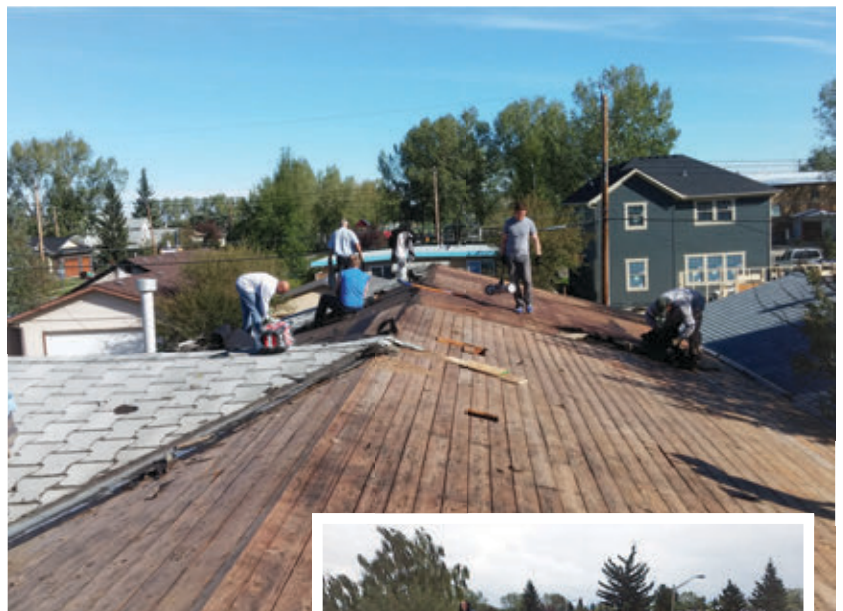
A health expo was held for the community of Clive on Sunday, October 19 hosted by the Lacombe Community Church. Various stations were set up including a booth featuring the Red Cross. The attendees were positive and grateful for the opportunity to have various health screening done and an opportunity to have their health questions answered. The Lacombe Community Church has taken on the role and commitment of evangelism in this small town of Clive and are excited about some of the upcoming scheduled events including a cooking class, health seminars/lectures, and the viewing of the movie “Forks Over Knives.”

—Submitted by Darlene Blaney

Airdrie Church Gets New Roof

Sunday, September 7 was a wonderful day as members and friends of the Airdrie Adventist Church got together in a work bee to replace the church roof. A total of 16 people worked for the bulk of the morning and afternoon with another three ladies making lunch, thus bringing the total crew to 19. The crew was lead by experienced roofing contractor and Airdrie Church member, Andrew Jurello. All of the old shingles, tar paper and nails were removed that same day with new tar paper being laid down as well. Head Deacon, Jake Funk, was very pleased with the turnout calling it much more than he had expected. All together the crew put in approximately 100 hours that day with a smaller crew staying on through the week to install the new roof as weather permitted. God has provided wonderfully for the Airdrie Church.

—Submitted by Les Miller, Airdrie Church



Top photo: Removing the old shingles.
Bottom photo: Shiny new roof.





Door-to-door ministry in Fort Saskatchewan.

Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant...Up and Growing!

Who says that the fall season doesn't yield fruit? After twelve months of door knocking, visitation, Bible studies, and health workshops, a group of 15 met together for the first time on October 18 at the Fort Saskatchewan Pentecostal Church (13 Langley Drive). The group celebrated a Sabbath School, worship service, and potluck together, which is the routine they expect to adopt in the coming months.

Pastor Darrell Beaudoin and his wife Lise have been working to create a presence in Fort Saskatchewan to

the glory of God. A special inaugural service with guest speaker Keith Richter, Alberta Conference VP for Finance, was held on November 15.

The core group plans to create dynamic and inspiring services in order to attract new members and provide Bible study opportunities, while offering health related programs to meet community needs and present Jesus and His perfect plan for life. Please continue to pray for the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant and the gospel outreach in Alberta.

—Submitted by Linda Steinke



Pastor Darrell and Lise Beaudoin leading out in song service on October 18, 2014.



Lise Beaudoin leading out in children's Sabbath School - October 18, 2014.



Pastor Massiel and JR Make a Life-Long Commitment Together

September 28, 2014 was a sunny fall day and a very special one for Massiel Davilla, Pastor of Nurture at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, and JR Ferrer, Communications Director for Canadian University College. They exchanged vows in the College Heights Church in the presence of both sets of parents and many other family members and friends. Senior Pastor of the College Heights Church, Ron Sydenham, was joined by his wife, Nicole, in giving an inspiring message in which they compared this wedding to the wedding which the Apostle John describes in Revelation. We wish the happy couple God's richest blessings as they establish their new home in Lacombe.

—Submitted by Jenny Nickle



JR Ferrer and Massiel Davilla Ferrer.



Alberta Pathfinders Take Part in the 2014 Camporee at Oshkosh

In August, approximately 300 Pathfinders and their chaperones from the Alberta Conference took part in the Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinder Camporee that was held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The theme this year was “Forever Faithful.” The North American Division Pathfinder Camporee event, which is held every five years, brings together a group of more than 50,000 attendees from across the United States, Canada and Bermuda, and an additional 2,000 people from more than 50 other countries. Organizer Ron Whitehead says it takes four years to plan. “I’ve never been so physically exhausted, but I’ve never been happier to be this tired,” said Whitehead. “We really care and value our young people.” Thank you to everyone that made this trip possible and to the Alberta Conference for the t-shirts they provided for “Conference Day.”



Youth Outreach Event #REACH1 in Edmonton

On October 11, approximately 100 youth and staff gathered in downtown Edmonton for a #REACH1 event organized by the Alberta Conference Youth and Community Service Departments. The youth were divided into groups and given an envelope with outreach tasks to complete. Thanks to Pastor Yabut and his church, 300 sandwiches were provided to hand out to the homeless. It was a delight to see so many youth engaging in meaningful conversation about Jesus with the homeless and others on the streets. Numerous posters were made by the youth that said, “Smile... Jesus Loves you!”



Sylvan Lake Adventurer Club.

Sylvan Lake Adventurer Club Active and Growing

On October 18, 2014 there were lots of smiling faces filled with joy and excitement while 17 children were inducted into the Sylvan Lake Adventurer Club. Under the directorship of Wendy Gareau, the club has started up again with optimism and enthusiasm.

The senior pastor of the Sylvan Lake Church, Bill Spangler shared his full support and gave a spirit filled prayer of dedication over the parents and children.

[SNAPSHOTS]

The beauty of God's creation through the camera eye of our readers.



Lacombe Parkland Pathfinder Club at Oshkosh.



Alberta Conference Pathfinders at the 2014 Camporee in Oshkosh.

Involved in assisting in the induction program was Donelle Clarke, the western Canadian Representative and the Alberta Conference Master Guide Coordinators Lulu and Tendai Mashonganyika.

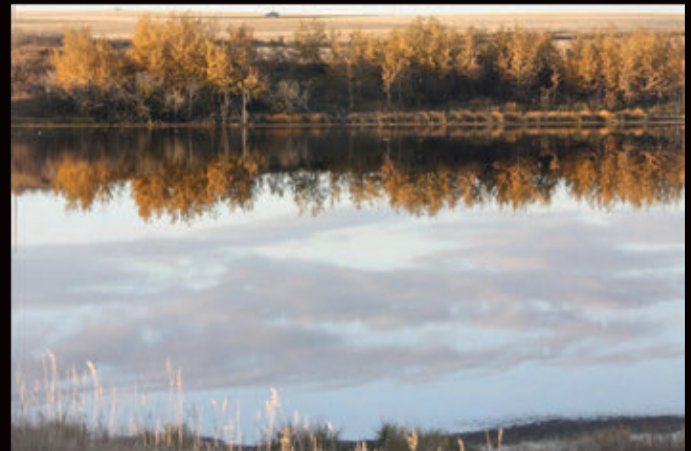
“It is great to see so many families involved in the Adventurer Ministry... Four new clubs alone have started up this year...we definitely need all the support we can get from parents and church members,” said Lulu Mashongnyika.

It was a blessing to feel the energy and hear the laughter of the children that day. We are happy to see more and more Adventurer clubs starting up in the Alberta Conference.

—Submitted by Lyle Notice



Sunrise and Geese, Hanna AB.



God's creation in fall colors.



Low Lying Fog, Hanna AB.

Photos submitted by Orti Weich.

Lighthouse Company Hosts Cooking Class

On September 18, 2014 the Lighthouse Seventh-day Adventist Company hosted a hands on cooking class with Darlene Blaney. Twenty-six members from the community attended the event. Blaney demonstrated how to make dairy free and vegetarian snacks for kids' lunches and foods that could be served at a holiday meal. The attendants were divided into groups and each group was able to make one item. At the end of the class, everyone was given opportunity to sample one another's creations. The favourites were spring rolls and almond cream fruit squares. Many people couldn't believe that what they were eating was dairy free. Plans are already in place for the next cooking class in the near future.
—Submitted by Karla Whitmore



Right photo: Darlene Blaney slicing homemade bread at the Lighthouse Company cooking class.
Left photos: Participants of the Lighthouse Company cooking class.



Top photo: Attendance at the Fairview Church Healthy Choices/Wellness Workshop.

Bottom photo: Darlene Blaney preparing food demos at the Fairview Church Healthy Choices/Wellness Workshop.



Fairview Church hosts a Healthy Choices/Wellness Workshop

On March 4 – 6, the Fairview Church hosted a Healthy Choices/Wellness Workshop conducted by Darlene Blaney. Advertising was done through the local newspaper, a digital road sign, posters that were put up around town and by word of mouth. Each evening approximately 50 people from the Fairview Church and local community attended the program. The responses were extremely favorable with comments like “this was very informative, it far exceeded my expectations” and “when will you be doing the next one.” People really enjoyed watching Blaney prepare the food and especially the taste testing. There were a lot of questions from the audience and Blaney did a marvelous job of answering each one. The Health Ministries Leader for the Fairview Church, Ruth Edgson, was so encouraged by the outcome and feedback that she has already started planning for the next program scheduled for September 9 - 11, 2015.
—Submitted by Wendy Johnson



NAD Year-End Meetings Summary

MEDIA

View Recorded Programs of the NAD Year-End Meetings, October 30 - November 4, 2014 - <http://www.hopetv.org/gcevents>.

Read *tweet-by-tweet* through #NADYEM14 - <https://twitter.com/hashtag/nadyem14?f=realtime&src=hash>.

NAD Video Mission Report in 10 Minutes:

The North American Division was asked to prepare a video report on the different projects that took place in their region in 2014. This video was shown at the NAD Year-End Meetings, October 30 - November 4, 2014 - <https://vimeo.com/110520651>.

NEWS COVERAGE

Share the Vision of Hope Amidst Challenges: "The ultimate goal for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (also called the North American Division) is Jesus and His soon return," said Daniel R. Jackson, President of the Division, in his report that kicked off the first full day of the 2014 North American Division Year-end Meetings - <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742846/news/current-newspoints/newspoints-10-31-14-share-the-vision-of-hope-nad-yem-2014-report-1>.

NAD President encourages leaders to trust that God controls the future of His Church: Jackson, preaching a sermon entitled "Frowning Providence, Reverence and Faith," challenged delegates and guests at the 2014 NAD Year-End Meetings Sabbath program to look at the character of God and see how He utilizes providence to bring about His plan for His people - <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742847/news/current-newspoints/newspoints-11-1014-year-end-meeting-report-2>.

North American Division to proceed with relocation from GC building: <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742848/news/current-newspoints/newspoints-11-13-2014-nad-relocation>.

Delegates vote statement on civil discourse: The North American Division (NAD) Executive Committee unanimously adopted a statement that encourages "respectful, Christ-like dialogue" between Christians, particularly in regards to the upcoming 2015 General Conference Session vote on women's ordination - <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/1073742849/news/current-newspoints/newspoints-11-4-14-nadyem14-statement-on-civil-discourse>.

NAD Sees Challenge as Number of New Members Dips: The North American Division added fewer new church members in 2013 compared with the previous year, continuing a gradual decline for the fourth year in a row, division executive secretary G. Alex Bryant said in an annual report - <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/nad-sees-challenge-as-number-of-new-members-dips>.

Top photo: Daniel R. Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, shares his sermon titled "Frowning Providence, Reverence and Faith" on Sabbath, November 1. (Photo by Dan Weber)

2015 SUNSET CALENDAR



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2015 OFFERING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

03 Local Church Budget
10 Local Conference Advance
17 Local Church Budget
24 Religious Liberty*
31 NAD Evangelism

FEBRUARY

07 Local Church Budget
14 Canadian It Is Written (WB)*
21 Local Church Budget
28 Local Conference Advance

MARCH

07 Local Church Budget
14 Adventist World Radio (WB)*
21 Local Church Budget
28 Local Conference Advance

APRIL

04 Local Church Budget
11 Canadian Christian Record
Services (WB)
18 Local Church Budget
25 Local Conference Advance

MAY

02 Local Church Budget
09 Disaster & Famine Relief (WB)*
16 Local Church Budget
23 Local Conference Advance
30 Canadian University College*

JUNE

06 Local Church Budget
13 GC Session Offering
(for World Mission)
20 Canadian French Work
27 Local Conference Advance

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS 2015

March 28 North American Division
June 27 Northern-Asia Pacific Division
September 26 Southern-Asia Pacific Division
December 26 African-Indian Ocean Division

MISSION INVESTMENT PROJECTS 2015

Southern
Canadian
(WB) Designates an offering that is part of
the World Budget *Special Material

	Friday Sunsets	Beauvallon	Calgary	Canmore	Edmonton	Fort McMurray	Grande Prairie	Hanna	Lacombe	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Yellowknife
JANUARY	2	4:18	4:41	4:46	4:26	3:57	4:38	4:30	4:33	4:42	4:32	3:19
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	16	4:39	5:00	5:05	4:47	4:19	5:00	4:49	4:53	5:01	4:51	3:51
	23	4:52	5:11	5:17	4:59	4:34	5:13	5:01	5:05	5:12	5:02	4:11
	30	5:05	5:24	5:29	5:13	4:49	5:28	5:13	5:18	5:23	5:13	4:32
FEBRUARY	6	5:19	5:36	5:41	5:26	5:04	5:42	5:26	5:31	5:35	5:25	4:53
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MARCH	6	6:14	6:26	6:31	6:21	6:07	6:41	6:17	6:23	6:22	6:13	6:14
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APRIL	3	8:06	8:12	8:17	8:13	8:06	8:36	8:04	8:13	8:06	7:58	8:31
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	17	8:32	8:35	8:40	8:38	8:36	9:04	8:28	8:37	8:27	8:20	9:10
	24	8:45	8:47	8:52	8:51	8:51	9:18	8:40	8:49	8:38	8:31	9:30
MAY	1	8:58	8:58	9:03	9:04	9:05	9:31	8:51	9:01	8:49	8:41	9:50
	8	9:10	9:09	9:14	9:16	9:20	9:45	9:02	9:13	8:59	8:52	10:10
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JUNE	5	9:51	9:46	9:51	9:57	10:09	10:29	9:40	9:52	9:34	9:27	11:21
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	19	10:01	9:54	9:59	10:06	10:21	10:39	9:49	10:01	9:42	9:35	11:38
	26	10:01	9:55	10:00	10:07	10:22	10:39	9:49	10:01	9:43	9:36	11:38

Camp 2015	Date	Age
Blind	June 28-July 5	All
Adventurer Camp/Sherwood 1	July 5-12	9-12
Family & Seniors Camp	July 13-19	All
Junior Camp/Sherwood 2	July 19-26	10-13
Specialized Horse/Watersports	July 26-29	13-17
Teen Camp	August 9-16	13-17

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AUGUST

- 01 Local Church Budget
- 08 Andrews Univ., Loma Linda Univ. (WB)*
- 15 Local Church Budget
- 22 Local Conference Advance
- 29 Canadian Native Ministries*

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 Fall Mission Appeal (WB)*
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 Local Conference Advance

OCTOBER

- 03 Local Church Budget
- 10 Canadian Voice of Prophecy (WB)*
- 17 Local Church Budget
- 24 Local Conference Advance
- 31 NAD Evangelism

NOVEMBER

- 07 Local Church Budget
- 14 Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission) (WB)*
- 21 Local Church Budget
- 28 Local Conference Advance

DECEMBER

- 05 Local Church Budget
- 12 Canadian Inner City (WB)*
- 19 Local Church Budget
- 26 Local Conference Advance

(WB) Designates an offering that is part of the World Budget *Special Material.

	Friday Sunsets	Beauvallon	Calgary	Canmore	Edmonton	Fort McMurray	Grande Prairie	Hanna	Lacombe	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Yellowknife
JULY	3	9:59	9:53	9:58	10:05	10:20	10:37	9:47	9:59	9:41	9:34	11:32
	10	9:54	9:49	9:54	10:00	10:14	10:31	9:43	9:55	9:37	9:30	11:20
	17	9:47	9:43	9:48	9:52	10:05	10:23	9:36	9:48	9:31	9:24	11:05
	24	9:37	9:34	9:39	9:43	9:54	10:12	9:28	9:39	9:23	9:16	10:48
	31	9:25	9:24	9:29	9:31	9:41	10:00	9:17	9:28	9:14	9:06	10:28
AUGUST	7	9:12	9:12	9:17	9:18	9:26	9:46	9:05	9:15	9:02	8:55	10:07
	14	8:58	8:59	9:04	9:04	9:10	9:31	8:52	9:02	8:50	8:42	9:45
	21	8:42	8:45	8:50	8:49	8:53	9:14	8:37	8:47	8:37	8:29	9:23
	28	8:26	8:31	8:35	8:32	8:35	8:57	8:22	8:31	8:22	8:14	9:00
SEPTEMBER	4	8:09	8:15	8:20	8:16	8:17	8:40	8:07	8:15	8:08	8:00	8:37
	11	7:52	8:00	8:04	7:59	7:58	8:22	7:51	7:59	7:53	7:44	8:14
	18	7:35	7:44	7:48	7:42	7:39	8:04	7:34	7:42	7:37	7:29	7:50
	25	7:17	7:28	7:32	7:24	7:20	7:45	7:18	7:25	7:22	7:13	7:27
OCTOBER	2	7:00	7:12	7:16	7:07	7:01	7:27	7:02	7:09	7:07	6:58	7:04
	9	6:43	6:57	7:01	6:51	6:42	7:10	6:46	6:53	6:52	6:43	6:41
	16	6:27	6:42	6:46	6:34	6:24	6:53	6:31	6:37	6:38	6:29	6:18
	23	6:11	6:27	6:32	6:19	6:06	6:36	6:17	6:22	6:24	6:15	5:56
NOVEMBER	30	5:55	6:14	6:18	6:04	5:49	6:21	6:03	6:08	6:12	6:02	5:35
	6	4:43	5:04	5:06	4:51	4:34	5:06	4:51	4:55	5:00	4:50	4:14
	13	4:31	4:51	4:56	4:39	4:20	4:54	4:40	4:44	4:50	4:40	3:55
	20	4:21	4:42	4:47	4:29	4:07	4:43	4:31	4:35	4:42	4:32	3:38
DECEMBER	27	4:13	4:36	4:40	4:21	3:43	4:34	4:24	4:27	4:36	4:26	3:23
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Announcements

Social Media Challenge: Tweet @albertasdaconf a photo from church or a community service project for a chance to win a Signs of the Times subscription.

2015 Devotional Books: Orders for the 2015 devotional books can be placed through your local church or by calling the Lacombe ABC at 1-800-661-8131. For more information, please see page 22 of this edition of the Alberta Adventist News.

Garden Road Adventist Church Missing Members September 2014

Deanna Badduke
Phoebe Bautista
Gabriel Bongily

Rose Bongily
Alia Bownes
Norma Cada
Rowena Camarillo
Rosaura Cervantes
Cathy Cervantes
Wes Christensen
Sandra Clark
Alexander Clarke
Alex Cross
Bradley Cross
Suzanne DiRocco
Jenny Ferguson
Allison Fitzgerald
Jean Fitzgerald
Ray Gunn
Rex Handel
Wendy Handel
Lorraine Harris
Michael Harris
Melissa Holder
Belen Jeremic Sr.

Belen Jeremic Jr.
John Jeremic
Betty Jokuda
Eddie Kahlon
Manny Kanwal
Meena Kanwal
Carmen Kelly
Claudette Kunze
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Melanie Lenzion
Tyrel Kendzion
Michael Limages
Trudy Limages
Shirley May
Michael Mayerchak
Brenda Mayerchak
Danny Mazac
Claudette McKenzie
Colleen McWhan
Lilly Millard-Grams

John Mroch
Doreen Mroch
Chalae Noordhof
Joyce Norris
Jamieson Pierre
Lamy Pierre
Alice Qually
Karen Robanske
Ron Schlender
Carol Stern
Margaret Stern
Daryl Streick
Joel Thorarinson
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What's it Mean to You?

“#REACH1 helped fortify my decision to take theology.”

Benjamin Amoah
CUC student



Some of Benjamin's earliest memories are of watching his father go to a minimum wage job to keep the family afloat as he pursued—and completed—his PhD in economics. As immigrants from Ghana, there were many hurdles, economic and cultural, for the family. Fortunately, the Adventist community helped provide hope.

Benjamin will never forget that. Every time he goes out with one of the Youth department's #REACH1 ministry events (see p. 30), Benjamin is reminded that as much as the hungry people on the streets of Edmonton and Calgary need the sack lunch he's offering, they need hope and someone to listen to their story even more.

“Our mission, as Christ taught, is to reach people where they are, help where they need it—to put yourself out for others,” says Benjamin. “With ‘Let's Talk’ [another Alberta Conference Youth department initiative], we're reaching youth outside the church.

“We, as youth, are constantly asking questions to establish what we believe,” explains Benjamin. Let's Talk provides a neutral place for Alberta youth, including those who are no longer comfortable in church, to talk about spiritual things as they search for God and a community of believers where they feel accepted.

For Benjamin and the many Alberta Adventist youth who participate in and learn from Alberta Conference Youth initiatives, that's real Adventist Christianity in action. Gifts and offerings help make it possible.

Gifts that Make a Difference!



The 21st Century Estate Plan

Wills are as old as civilization. They're part of every good estate plan, but in the 21st Century, Canadians are living longer and technology is playing a bigger role in all of our lives.

Here are three other aspects to consider as you plan for the future: your digital estate (below), and the Enduring Power of Attorney and the Personal Directive (the Bessie Neilsen/Raymond Phillips “What’s it Mean to You?” story, next page).

Your Digital Estate

Will drawn up? Check.
Trusts created for the kids? Check.
Executor of the estate named, health directives signed, and funeral arrangements specified? Check, check, and check.

With all that done, you may think your work is finished. But there’s one key facet of 21st century estate planning that many people overlook: a digital estate plan.

Data that can be inherited may include passwords, instructive memos, digital contracts, digital receipts, pictures, medical

information, or anything else that a user has access to primarily in digital form.

A further challenge comes with the fact that an average person has 25 online accounts in addition to data physically stored on their computers and phones.

Some U.S. states now have laws authorizing executors to access a deceased’s digital assets, but Canada does not yet have such laws. Depending on the circumstances, your executor may need court approval to access your digital assets. You may wish to document if it is your intention that your executor should access certain online accounts.

Digital inheritance can also pose a challenge for many data heirs who have limited IT skills themselves. A further challenge comes with the fact that an average person has 25 online accounts in addition to data physically stored on their computers and phones.

Risk of Identity Theft and Content Theft

The need for people to be able to pass on their digital assets has given rise to several companies that specialize in providing consumers with ways to allow their heirs to inherit their digital assets after they die.

Here are some recommended basic steps to follow:

1. Make inventory lists of your digital assets and how to access them. Don’t store your

online account numbers and passwords on the same list.

2. Find a safe place to store this information. This could be a safe at your bank, lockers or with a trusted person, such as a digital executor.
3. Name a “digital executor.” This individual needs to be mature, trustworthy and technologically savvy.
4. Write out instructions for what should happen to your digital assets after you die. There may be files or confidential information you wish to have deleted.
5. Consider whether you want to post a final message online. Your Digital Estate can be a meaningful legacy to future generations. Pass it on.

Take steps to guard your digital estate!

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It's estimated that only 38% of Canadians have lawyer-drafted wills. Without a will, the province is in charge of distributing estate assets. Historically, 1/10 people who included a charity in a Will advised the charity of their future gift.

The Alberta Conference wishes to thank all those who have included the Conference or an Alberta congregation in their will. Your bequests enable many initiatives for which tithe dollars cannot be used. Please let us know so that we can express our gratitude.

DID YOU KNOW?

What's it Mean to You?

“Aunt Bessie’s bequest to the Beauvallon church allowed us to renovate after the 2013 flooding. I’m glad she also had an Enduring Power of Attorney.”

Raymond Phillips
Farmer & Church Elder
Beauvallon, Alberta



Bessie Neilsen

Bessie Neilsen knew times had changed since a will was the only estate document to think about; her lawyer recommended two others—an Enduring Power of Attorney and Personal Directive.

Bessie liked her nephew Raymond Phillips and appreciated his integrity even if they held some different views on religion. So she named Raymond as her “Attorney” in an Enduring Power of Attorney (“EPA”)—making him the person who would make financial decisions and deal with her money if she ever lost her ability to do so. In a separate Personal Directive (“PD”) document, Bessie also gave Raymond authority to make decisions about her personal care if she lost that ability.

A year later, when Bessie was 96, her EPA and PD went into effect. For the next four years, Raymond dealt with long-term care decisions, took care of her finances, and made sure Bessie had things around her that made her feel like she was at home—including some special soap she liked. Bessie’s health and enjoyment of life actually improved.

When Bessie passed away at the age of 100, Raymond’s duties under the Enduring Power of Attorney and the Personal Directive ended. He did, however, accept a new set of responsibilities as the Executor/Personal Representative named in her will. To Raymond’s surprise, Bessie had made a major bequest to his church’s congregation.

An even greater surprise was the amount of the bequest made in 2008, five years before the church flooding: Bessie’s gift covered the gap between the insurance payout and the cost of restoring the church, plus a few needed improvements.

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