

# Alberta Adventist Fundraising Schools

## News & Notes Update

June, 2013

Welcome to our first **Update**. Things are happening around Alberta in Adventist fundraising, and together we're stronger, so keep me posted on what's happening with you and your project. We'll share and learn together!

Please take special note of the “**Legal Requirements for Your Congregation's Fundraising**,” supplied by the Conference's legal counsel. It's not hard to stay on the right side of the law—just keep the five simple pieces outlined on file, send a set to me, and let me know that you've set the fundraising wheels in motion. And if you find an organization you think might be a match for a grant, contact me. **All contact with grant organizations must be co-ordinated through the Conference.**

I look forward to your news!

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## West Edmonton Fundraising Banquet Hits the Spot

On Sunday, May 19th, the West Edmonton SDA Church hosted a gala fundraiser banquet at the Days Inn & Suites in Edmonton. The event was sold out and went very well with live entertainment in the form of musicians, singers and a fashion show as well as a silent auction. A good time was had by all. All fundraising targets were met and, to date, all of our fundraising efforts total over \$425,000 in cash and counting... With God on our side, we hope to break ground by the spring of 2014.

-- Hugh French, member of the West Edmonton Church Fundraising Committee, and also its Building Committee

*Editor's note: Hugh is willing to share more of his experience with our community. Contact him at [hughfrench@hotmail.com](mailto:hughfrench@hotmail.com).*

## Staying on the Right Side of the Law with your Fundraising

### - NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS AND CHURCHES FROM LEGAL COUNSEL-

Please note that the Conference registers under the Charitable Fund-raising Act ("Act") each year for all local congregations and Conference entities.

Under the Act, **each congregation is required to prepare** and make available the following information. All members of your congregation who participate in your fund-raising activities that are directed at individuals who are not church members must be able to provide:

1. copies of the fund-raising letter or brochure utilized by the congregation for communication with the public;
2. purpose of the fund-raiser;
3. proposed use of the donations your congregation receives;
4. estimate of the total donations you expect to receive and the cost of the fund-raising campaign anticipated by the congregation;
5. name and telephone number of the director of the campaign.

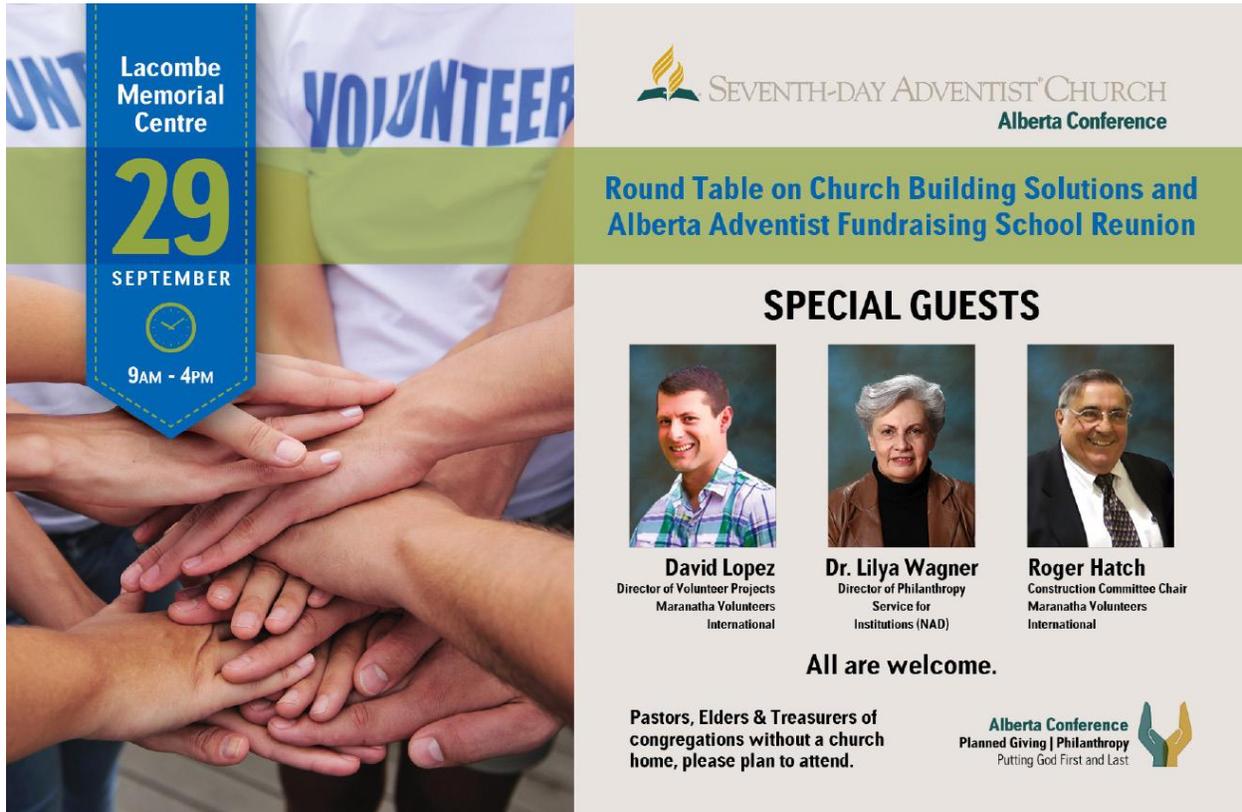
*Editor's note: This information must be made available upon request from any member of the public. It must also be sent to the Alberta Conference office, to the attention of the Director of Planned Giving & Trust Services/Philanthropy. Contact me for details on what the letter or brochure should contain.*

## CM Seminar Gives Roadmap for Engaging Community

Building bridges for your church with the surrounding community takes time and some creativity. A new Camp Meeting seminar, A Gospel of Community and Social Action, shows you how to build those bridges without compromising your congregation's mission. **ADRA's James Astleford** and **Pastor Patrick Jacques** of the **Toronto East Church** will lead you through biblical principles of community outreach and share their modern experience with ministry and community interaction that build lasting relationships. Don't miss it!

## Lilya Wagner Returns for Roundtable and Private Appointments

Mark your calendars! Morning appointments for your fundraising leadership will again be available with Lilya Wagner, the Director of Philanthropy Service for Institutions. Maranatha will join in the discussion of obstacles to realizing the goal of a church building for each congregation, and strategies for overcoming them. All are welcome. Details below.



**Lacombe Memorial Centre**

**29**  
SEPTEMBER  
9AM - 4PM

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Alberta Conference

**Round Table on Church Building Solutions and Alberta Adventist Fundraising School Reunion**

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

**David Lopez**  
Director of Volunteer Projects  
Maranatha Volunteers International

**Dr. Lilya Wagner**  
Director of Philanthropy  
Service for Institutions (NAD)

**Roger Hatch**  
Construction Committee Chair  
Maranatha Volunteers International

**All are welcome.**

**Pastors, Elders & Treasurers of congregations without a church home, please plan to attend.**

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## Online Resource Jackpot

**Imagine Canada:** <http://www.imaginecanada.ca/node/9>. Imagine Canada is the result of a union of two of Canada's leading charitable umbrella organizations: the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy (CCP), and the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations (NVO). In 2003, Imagine Canada was launched, and is now the umbrella organization for the CharityFocus and Grant Connect organizations. Dig and investigate!

If you find a granting organization that may be a fit with your project, call me. **All contact with granting organizations and all applications MUST be co-ordinated through the Conference's Planned Giving & Trust Services/Philanthropy Office (me).**