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Educational Excellence: *For Time and Eternity*

Excellence and quality are subjects of much debate in the educational world today. The constituencies that schools and school systems serve are increasing their demands for excellence. Parents' expectations of teachers, principals, and superintendents seem to be at their highest level. What does excellence represent in Adventist Christian education and how is it achieved?

Excellence in Adventist Christian education represents more than having educational institutions with good reputations, adequate resources, quality graduates, competitive programs, and sound financial operations. It promotes the harmonious development of physical, mental, and spiritual powers, the training of youth to be thinkers and not mere reflectors of other men's thought, and the preparation to be effective citizens on this earth and for rewarding citizenship in the new earth. It also endeavors to restore in man the "image" of God — his Creator (Gen. 1:27), the source of all knowledge and wisdom. Godliness — "godlikeness" — is the goal to be reached. (E.G. White, *Education*, 1952, pp.13-19)

Similar at least in part to the Adventist Christian approach to excellence in education, the United States National Commission on Excellence in Education issued the following statement: "Our goal must be to develop the talents of all to their fullest. Attaining that goal requires that we expect and assist all students to work to the limits of their capabilities. We should expect schools to have genuinely high standards rather than minimum ones, and parents to support and encourage their children to make the most of their talents and abilities." (*A Nation at Risk*, 1983, p.13)

One cannot preach excellence while modelling mediocrity. Adventist teachers are not only competent in their particular disciplines, but are also committed to Christian values. There are very fine

Christian teachers in the public system. But for Adventist educators, commitment to Christ is an **essential** ingredient. Student/teacher interaction is part of the fabric of our institutions. Our teachers are here not simply to do a job, but to help their students succeed.

My son recently shared with me what his OAC chemistry teacher at Kingsway told the class: "If you don't understand something or need additional help, do not hesitate to call me at home any time. I want you to succeed and will do anything to help you." This is not an isolated example. Our teachers find their own personal fulfilment in the fulfilment of their students. They help their students prepare for time and eternity.

When Rick Bacchus, president of the Ontario Conference, was asked why he believed in Christian education, he said: "I attest to the fact that the lessons one learns, and the character one forms within the atmosphere of a Bible-based curriculum, are more precious than gold . . . Not only does Christian education and the work of redemption go hand in hand, Christian education is the work of redemption. In the support of our schools, we are engaged in missionary work of the highest order. The salvation of our boys and girls are at stake. We can't afford not to become active participants in this vital work. The business of Christian education is God's business."

While carrying out God's business, Adventist education administrators welcome the input and feedback of each and every one of you. We want to listen to each other as we pursue excellence in Adventist Christian education. We endeavor to be quality driven, customer conscious, and continuously seeking to improve. Will you share with us your dreams and expectations of the educational system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada? We are here to serve you. ■



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Your children are growing (so fast!). It's time for them to start school, and you have choices to make.

There's so much to consider. You want them to receive the best possible academic program. Developing interpersonal skills is also important, you know. You try to visualize (way down the road) their eventual job prospects. And as an Adventist parent, you know you are also guiding your children down an eternal path. In conversations with fellow parents, you hear debates on the pros and cons of church school education.

This issue of the Messenger takes a look at some of those perceptions. For answers, we requested professional input from Adventist education superintendents across Canada. (They were delighted, as they are frequently asked these questions by their constituents.) Here's the information they had to share.

Erasing the MYTHS of Adventist Education

MYTH:

Curriculums are not well rounded

One of the haunting questions that curriculum specialists of our modern era continue to struggle with is: *Who decides what is worthwhile to know and experience, in order that human beings might reach greater potential and develop a more just social order?*¹

If it is true, as William H. Schubert, a contemporary curriculum practitioner, suggests, that curriculum is defined as *whatever is advocated for teaching and learning — including both school and non-school environments*,² then it becomes vitally important for us to understand the ideology or philosophy underpinning the curriculum of a given school system. What philosophy or whose ideology will be used as the framework for curriculum content taught in our children's school? Who determines what content is to be included in a "well-rounded curriculum"?

For Adventist educators, a well-rounded curriculum means having the freedom to integrate faith with learning in all subject areas that are mandated to be taught by the province. Teachers in Adventist educational institutions offer a curriculum that is Christ-centered and a view of life that is whole. The apostle Paul declared that Christ is *before all things, and in Him all things hold together*.³

Like pieces of a puzzle, the subject areas within the curriculum fit together from a Biblical perspective, giving students insights of the majesty and character of God. Obviously, this integration is achieved more easily in courses such as science or social studies than in mathe-

matics. But teachers strive to weave Christianity naturally into their presentations, rather than taking "time out" for "spiritual commercials."

A primary reason that Adventist schools promote a Christ-centered curriculum is to be able to answer the three most important questions that mankind has been asking throughout the ages of this earth's history:

- Where did we come from?
- What is our purpose in life?
- Where are we going?

Understanding the Scriptures' answers to these questions *enables men to be masters and not slaves of their circumstances, men who possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions*.⁴ The uniqueness of the Adventist education system rests in the hands of dedicated teachers who are *bringing the mind of man into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the Infinite. The effect of such communion on body and mind and soul is beyond estimate*.⁵ ■

¹ Schubert, William H. (ed.), *Curriculum Reform*, 1993 ASCD Yearbook, Alexandria, Va., 1993, p. 110.

² Ibid., p. 80-81.

³ Colossians 1:17, New International Version

⁴ White, Ellen G., *Source and Aim of True Education*, Education, Pacific Press Publishing Assoc., Boise, Idaho, p. 19.

⁵ Ibid., p. 14.

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MYTH:

Academic standards are low

Adventist schools, while committed to passing on Christian ideals and values, are also concerned with preparing students academically in order to help them compete in the career marketplace. "But, do Adventist schools provide a strong academic program?" Teachers and administrators are asked this question frequently by parents who have to look long and hard at their bank accounts, as well as pastors and church members who are worried about increasingly tight church budgets, as they question the value of an Adventist education.

The Valuegenesis survey reveals that students in Adventist schools say their teachers are competent, have high expectations for them, expect them to do their best, and do all they can to encourage academic achievement. This is evident as we review the academic results of the students who attended Parkview Adventist Academy during the last five years.

The Alberta Diploma Examination Program is intended to develop and

maintain excellence in education standards through certification of academic achievement. Grade 12 students are required to write a minimum of two examinations to receive a high school diploma. The program consists of specific course examinations based on the prescribed program of studies for core grade 12 courses.

Students at Parkview Adventist Academy are achieving on or above provincial results in most diploma examination courses. The results are shown in the table below.

Students who attend Adventist schools are distinguishing themselves academically and are providing Christian leadership wherever they go. These young people say that attending an Adventist school really made the difference for them. ■

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Subject	Standard of Excellence 80% or higher		Acceptable Standard 50% or higher	
	Alberta	PAA	Alberta	PAA
English 30	12.8	20.6	95.8	96.3
Social Studies 30	16.2	24.7	93.4	99.1
Mathematics 30	19.2	31.9	87.4	92.5
Biology 30	22.0	26.2	90.2	91.0
Chemistry 30	22.3	24.5	90.7	87.8
Physics 30	27.8	23.8	92.4	92.3

MYTH:

Students are sheltered and isolated

Sheltered? You bet! Sheltered from Satanism, gangs, drugs, extremes. Isolated? No. In the British Columbia conference, where I work, exciting things happen.

- All three of our senior academies and one junior academy send students on a regular basis to third-world countries to help build orphanages and churches.
- Students from smaller schools have helped in projects through Extreme Work Out and Piece of Pie Ministries.
- Six of our schools report financing students in Africa and India.
- Packages of school materials have been collected and sent to Costa Rica.
- Three of our larger schools take spring vacation trips to bring gymnastic programs to public schools all over our province. At these schools our students witness to healthy lifestyles and saying "No" to drugs and alcohol.
- Food is collected for ADRA.
- Parks and roads are kept clean.
- Children are "adopted" at Christmas with students purchasing presents and sharing the day with "their child."
- Technology, including the Internet, keeps schools in contact. Pen pals are encouraged, and material is gathered.

Sheltered? Yes. Isolated? No. ■

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MYTH: Multi-grade classrooms are detrimental

Do children really receive as good an education in multi-grade classes as they do in a single grade? This question, educators feel, is often asked by many parents. Literature reviews on multi-grade classrooms indicate that it is very important for educators and school boards to demystify the myths of "multi-grade-ness" through positive information and a strong public relations program.

The bottom line is that multi-grade or multi-age research studies spell out varied advantages of the program for children, teachers, and parents.

Advantages for children: In a 1983 study of a Montreal Catholic school, J. Perras compared the academic achievement and cognitive development of math and French pupils in multi-grade and single-grade classes. He found no significant differences between the two groups. In his conclusion, he stated that it can be affirmed beyond the shadow of a doubt that being enrolled in a multi-grade class has no negative effect on school grades. Rather, the study indicated a tendency toward an improvement in scholastic achievement.

Another factor that this study brought out is that the multi-grade program favors socialization, independence, and interaction with peers. The youngest child in the class feels more

secure, demonstrates more assurance, and feels more appreciated, while the oldest child in the class develops a social sense and a spirit of cooperation.¹

Advantages for teachers: Many multi-grade teachers say the program has a revitalizing effect. One teacher, describing the positive side of a multi-grade classroom, said, "My class was composed of pupils who learn more quickly because they were chosen for certain characteristics, especially autonomy. Such pupils like school work and learn much better. The teacher, therefore, does not lose as much time giving a lot of explanations. As well, it is a class where we can add enrichment and where there are fewer discipline problems."²

Advantages for parents: The advantages of multi-grade classes from parents' perspectives center on the variety of experiences offered. This entails acquiring good work habits, a sense of discipline, responsibility, independence, and positive relationships among pupils of different ages, especially the younger ones. In all, a review of the literature on multi-grade classrooms shows that the experience can be satisfying and enriching for parents as well as children.

Students studying in the various multi-grade classrooms across this union have the following in common:

- small classes, individual attention
- Christ-centered curriculum which inspires the joy of learning
- acquisition of knowledge and purpose in preparation for service in their communities and a place in the world to come

Multi-grade classrooms are here to stay. Their numbers have been increasing dramatically across all types of school districts, especially in urban areas. The message is clear: educators, parents, and students need to take multi-grades as seriously as they do single grades. And yes, multi-grade classrooms are not detrimental! ■

¹ Margaret Gayfer, *The Multi-grade Classroom: Myth and Reality, A Canadian Study*, The Canadian Education Association, Toronto, 1991, p. 24.

² Ibid, p. 25.

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MYTH:

Schools are under-equipped and under-financed

In the distant recesses of my childhood memory, I still see my mother kneading bread on a kitchen table dusted with flour, and I can almost smell the bread baking in the oven. The memory is reinforced from time to time when my wife makes bread. It tastes just as good as I remember it in my childhood, but she uses a compact electric mill to grind our own wheat and a Bosch mixer to do the kneading.

Adventist education has changed over the years. But we still endeavor to train

young minds, hearts, and hands for a lifetime of service for the Master. Not every school has the same facilities, equipment or financial resources. While basic facilities, equipment, and materials are essential, real quality in Adventist education is dependent on the skill of the "baker."

Some claim that Adventist schools are under-financed and under-equipped. Across Canada there are striking differences in school funding. In Alberta, British Columbia, and Manitoba, the

provinces give direct grants for operations to independent schools, including Adventist schools. I have seen some fine school facilities in these areas. In other areas there are equally fine institutions because of the sacrificial commitment of the local church members.

Arguably, there is the sense that this type of commitment is waning. A detailed statistical study might reveal changes in support for Adventist education. Indeed, there are many good church programs competing for the few denominational dollars. But as long as there are young people who need to meet the Savior and dedicated teachers with the God-ordained mission to touch eternity by touching young lives, Adventist education will succeed. For Adventist education is about making a difference in people. ■

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For more information on Adventist education, please contact any of the Adventist education administrators in your area. (Left to right) Mike Lekic, SDA Church in Canada; Dennis Plubell, British Columbia Conference; Robert Crux, Alberta Conference; Don Krause, Canadian Union College; John Janes, Parkview Adventist Academy; Dave Higgins, Ontario Conference; Lee Patterson, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference; David Streifling, Newfoundland Conference; Jim Jeffery, Canadian Union College; Nilton Amorim, Quebec Conference; Robert Lehmann, Maritime Conference. (Not pictured: Bonnie Walker, British Columbia Conference; and Malcolm Graham, Kingsway College.)

More than One Way to Learn: Taking a Look at Home Schooling



Parents today have a variety of education options to choose from, one of which is home schooling. To see what one family's experience has been like with home schooling, Shelley Nolan, managing editor of the Messenger, visited with Ruth Weidner and her daughters, Jennifer, age eight, and Heidi, age five. The Weidners live in Oshawa, Ontario.

Why did you choose home schooling for Jennifer and Heidi?

At first, I was just curious about home schooling. I talked to other parents who were teaching their children at home, and I did a lot of reading and studying. A lot of children seem to be tired of school by grade two, and they have so many more years ahead of them. At school, the majority of learning takes place while students are sitting. I looked at Jennifer, and her style of learning is hands-on, like mine. With home schooling, children have more chances to succeed and build their self-esteem. If they attend school and fall behind the rest of the students, they can lose their self-esteem very quickly. We have many good teachers in Adventist and public schools, but because of the size of classes

they just aren't able to get to know each student and help them individually. Finally, children pick up many habits from other kids, and the home influence is lost quickly.

What about the argument that children learn important social skills at school?

In their development, children don't really learn how to share and play together until about age seven or eight. If you look at kindergarten students, you'll notice that they're playing side by side, not together. And my daughters have plenty of interaction with other children through attending Sabbath School, being a part of the Adventurers Club, and taking field trips with the local home schooling association.

Tell me more about the Christian Home Schooling Educators Association.

There are four chapters in this area, with more across Ontario. Our chapter holds quarterly seminars, with presentations on topics such as parenting and how to organize your home for schooling. There are also retreats, where home school exhibitors display their materials and explain how they are used. I find that extremely helpful. Once a month, our chapter has a business meeting, where we organize upcoming events, exchange ideas, and receive updates on school legislation. The association organizes frequent field trips, and we have joined trips to the art gallery, police station, pioneer house, safety village, and more. Since the association is a Christian one, there are standards for the content of the trips, such as not including talks on evolution.

How do you structure your home school activities?

When I first started, I was quite nervous and scared, and thought, "Can I do this?" But the curriculum materials I purchased from a home school company are structured and useful. They include a daily outline for language arts and science, and I supplement that with extra books from the library. Recently, I also got a book with teaching tips and techniques.

We do most of our class work in the morning, when the girls have more energy and attention. In the afternoon they do homework which can be done on their own, such as coloring, cutting, and gluing. Wednesday is home economics day, when we plan menus, make a grocery list, and go shopping. Thursday is chores day for cleaning the bathroom and so on. Jennifer really likes science experiments and plans to enter a local

science fair, while Heidi likes art and crafts. Jennifer started kindergarten work at age six; Heidi is doing mostly preschool, learning numbers and writing the alphabet. During the summer, we lighten the schedule, but keep up some of the reading and number activities.

How long will you continue home schooling with your daughters?

Right now we're taking it one year at a time. This year I gave Jennifer the option, and she chose to continue home school. There are students who have continued home school right up through high school courses.

What reaction do you get from people about your choice?

At first the reaction was negative, and some people are still not quite sure about the concept and push us to go the "traditional" route. But I find that more and more parents are taking a closer look at home schooling. Their children are tired when they come home from school so they have to go to bed early, and they have almost no time with their parents. A lot of parents tell me, "You know, I wish I had stayed home longer with my kids and known about home schooling." ■

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Miracles on Parker Street

"Sometimes it is hard for others to realize how high the demand is for our services without seeing it firsthand. It is hard to imagine how many families are living in empty homes without the items you and I take for granted," says Mel Boutilier, director of the Parker Street Furniture Bank.

Church-operated programs like Parker Street ought to be the prime focus of our ministry. They should be lighted candles in our communities where people can find kindness, acceptance, and hope. Jesus doesn't have any other hands but ours.



His soft voice caught my attention amid the hurry and scurry of the crowded train station. I cautiously glanced from behind my glossy magazine as his voice came again.

"Spare some change, miss." As I looked at him, my mind exploded with all kinds of questions. What is a sixth grader doing on the streets? Where are his parents? Why is he having to beg? He couldn't have been more than 11 years old. As commuters hurried past him, he patiently repeated his request. "Spare some change, sir."

Those words cut right into my conscience. I wasn't in a foreign country. I was leaning against the wall in Toronto's Union Station. At least the kid's pleas didn't go unnoticed. He was slowly getting a handful of change.

I peeked at him from behind my reading material. His hair was short and clean cut. If you looked at him from the chin up, he looked like any fifth or sixth grader. Yet his winter jacket was way too big and hung down past his waist. The sleeves had been ruthlessly shoved up past his elbows. His jeans were too long. The bottoms were very muddy, and simply a dirty colour. They bunched up between his ankles and his knees. Worn shoes, with pieces of shoelaces tied together, obviously pinched his feet.

He didn't stay very long. He drifted through the crowd like a ghost. Nobody noticed him. As I followed his progress, I noticed he was met by some older kids. It was plain to see that they were guys who didn't have much to call home, and hung out together because that's the only way they could survive. They were street-wise and tough because they had to be.

My mind continued to race. Where do they go? How do they survive? It's so cold outside. What kind of future do they face? What could I do? Where could I have told these youngsters to go for help? As I searched for answers, my thoughts drifted back to my recent visit to Parker Street in Nova Scotia.

The Halifax SDA Church has two community programs: a food bank and a furniture bank. The food bank is a converted garage next to the church on Parker Street. It serves about 230 families per week. As a result, more than 14,175 people were assisted with supplemental and emergency food in the first ten months of 1996. Forty-one percent of these were children.

The furniture bank got started when Heather, a single mother of a six-year-old girl, asked for help. She had been getting assistance from the food bank, and she asked about obtaining a bed. She and her daughter were sleeping on the floor of their tiny apartment with just a blanket. They had no furniture. One

of the food bank volunteers felt compelled to assist Heather. He donated a box spring and mattress, which was torn and old, but it was a lot better than just a blanket on the floor. The result? The vision of a furniture bank was created for Mel Boutilier, who today is the program's director.

The Parker Street Furniture Bank officially began in March, 1995, with donated warehouse space, utilities, a one-ton cube van, and some office equipment. Furniture and other household items are donated to the bank. In turn, these items are cleaned, repaired, and distributed to low-income families in the Greater Metro Halifax area, all at no charge. In order to secure donated items, the bank offers a free pick-up service.

Due to its dedicated volunteers, this operation has grown. Their tenacity has brought some incredible results. On one occasion, Mel was a guest on a radio show, talking about the furniture program and asking people to donate items. Amazingly, he also arranged for the Halifax hockey team to pick up donated items. The entire team and staff showed up with seven vans, ready to be furniture packers and movers for the day. They had 60 pick-ups that day!

Currently, there are approximately 3,660 registered clients of the furniture bank. Mel estimates that more than 1,587 families have received assistance in obtaining household items.

"Sometimes it is hard for others to realize how high the demand is for our services without seeing it firsthand. It is hard to imagine how many families are living in empty homes without the items you and I take for granted. Hundreds of children are sleeping on the floor, as they have no beds and, in some cases, no blankets. Some families are using a hot plate to cook their dinner and are sharing the same broken plate. Even senior citizens who we think should have these necessities often do not," Mel told me.

Ellen, a petite 63-year-old mother of 11, came to the furniture bank last summer. After 44 years of marriage, Ellen's husband left her with one child and no support. Even though Ellen was working at the time, she was having a hard time making ends meet. She walked an hour and a half to work every day, coming home at 1:30 in the morning all alone. Finally, she was able to move into a partially-furnished house. A friend told her about the furniture bank. Ellen was assisted with some basic items, and in turn, she now works as a volunteer for the furniture bank.

But there are difficulties. Some refugees have been waiting for assistance for months. Mel told me about a Croatian man who witnessed his wife and children shot to death, and how he

himself lost a leg. This unfortunate man is patiently waiting for some furniture for his small residence.

The furniture bank has 300 registered requests for beds that simply cannot be filled. Pick-ups and deliveries are difficult to schedule, since the operation has only one vehicle.

Volunteers are always needed – volunteers who will lend helping hands, hearts, financial support, and prayers.

Church-operated programs like Parker Street ought to be the prime focus of our ministry. They should be lighted candles in our communities where people like the little drifter in Toronto can find kindness, acceptance, and hope. Jesus doesn't have any other hands but ours. If we don't do something, who will? We can't ignore the statistics, the situation, and especially the people. Put your heart into a miracle. You can't even begin to imagine the rewards. ■

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CUC Revises Name to Reflect University College Status

Canadian University College is the voted revised name for Canadian Union College. This change was approved by the board of trustees at their February 23, 1997, meeting. This revised name reflects the ability of the college to confer its own baccalaureate degrees in programs approved by the Alberta government. It is also consistent with the other three private degree-granting college which have university college as part of their name.

This name change is subject to the written approval of the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development. It also required a change in the Act of Incorporation of the college. ■



CUC's Multicultural Week began with 15 students giving greetings at vespers in either their native language or a language they learned as a student missionary. Above, Myra Nicks, the week's organizer, poses in a costume from Micronesia. Below, Cecilia David is dressed in a salwar kameez from India. She is the student director of the campus ministries department and is in charge of organizing all of the vesper programs for the year.

International Week at CUC

The culture of the first nation people and the Metis was the theme for this year's multiculturalism celebration during International Week at Canadian Union College, which was held January 20 to 26.

The documentary film *500 Nations*, hosted by Kevin Costner, was shown. The film portrayed the cultural richness, beauty, and pluralism of the indigenous people of North America. It also accounted for the valued differences between natives and settlers.

Students enjoyed the library display of diverse cultural artifacts of the natives. Thanks are due to Vince Buffalo and Jeannie Spratt, who willingly shared their valuable cultural items.

More than 45 students and several faculty members participated in the workshop on how to make dream catchers. It was sheer fun and an enriching experience.

Margaret Clarke, a native historian, addressed the faculty and students on native history, which was beset with agonizing events.

In her Sabbath morning sermon, Kitty Maracle, a native pastor who conducts street ministry in Vancouver, B.C., asked church members to attempt to understand cultures and to sow seeds of love in all people. Many hearts were touched as she stressed the need for bridging the gap — in several perspectives — between natives and the other people in this continent of plenty.

An international food fair was the climax of the cultural celebration. At least 14 different national foods, including bannock, were served at the physical education complex. CUC students took part in a parade of multicultural costumes and a talent show, which added a new dimension of joy to the already glamorous food fair. Numerous people from the surrounding communities also attended. The celebration ended with a brief narration of the history of the Metis and a dance performance by a group of Metis dancers from Calgary. Thanks are due to Sharisse Barbosa, Glen Graham, Elizabeth Lee, Lynda Rawn, and Tina Tilstra, whose meticulous efforts made this function a rewarding one. ■

by Paul Ramalingam, Faculty Coordinator



Youth Extravaganza

Youth Extravaganza is a yearly event sponsored by campus ministries on the campus of Canadian Union College. Special speakers and musicians provide opportunities for young people to refocus and rededicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

This year, Bret Barry, a recording artist from Nashville and a former member of the Heritage Singers, was one of the weekend's guests. Barry was the 1996 Alberta campmeeting's youth speaker.

Barry challenged each person to consider his or her testimony. "If you were to stand, one on one, with someone, what would you tell him or her?" Barry asked. "What would be the story of your life and your relationship with Christ?"

The speaker/guitarist expressed concern that the evening would focus on just entertainment. He suggested that entertainment was designed to get students' attention and that worship is to focus their attention.

"The worst thing would be for you to walk out unchallenged and unchanged. God deposited His Spirit within you," Barry suggested, "so that we can do what He asks."

Kelly Streit, owner and operator of Mode Modeling International, presented his testimony on Sabbath morning. Streit confessed that in the past he had been disobedient and deceived by all kinds of "passions and pleasures" but Christ touched his life through a quote from Billy Graham, who said that if you really heard His voice, you would throw out your old life. Streit testified that he did not need to clean up everything and

then give Christ his life. He needed to give Christ his life and allow Him to clean things up.

"We often worship the created," Streit explained, "and not the Creator. The time is now to reach the world. I'm His vessel. I'm willing."

Steve Little, campus chaplain and Youth Extravaganza coordinator, expressed his appreciation for Brett Barry's emphasis on listening and obeying.

"All too often," Little says, "we let our busyness shut out our intimate communication with Christ. I also appreciated Kelly Streit's challenge to each of us to be bold witnesses for Christ. No matter what the circumstances of life, we are all called to declare His glory. Kelly's testimony reminded us of that important fact. The weekend was a positive and invigorating spiritual experience." ■



Michelle (center) and Danny Northam (right) represented Thailand at CUC's International Week. D'Arcy Simonton (left), also served as a student missionary in Thailand.

The Impact of Long-Term Friendship

Peter Milanovich's relationship with God and his journey into the Adventist church covers many years and many miles.

Born in Croatia, he briefly resided in Italy, then moved to Canada as a young

man more than 30 years ago. He first worked in Regina, where he met a coworker who had also grown up in Croatia, about a hundred miles from Milanovich's home town. Their acquaintance turned into a lifelong friendship.

Herman Brundula was an Adventist, and Milanovich started talking with him about God and religion. Milanovich says,

"When he mentioned the Bible, something really struck me. As a young boy, I used to be an altar boy in the Catholic Church. That was the only church in the country, and I came from a very strong Catholic family. Two of my uncles were priests.

"I would sit on the steps of the altar during the priest's sermon, and he would mention the Bible. I used to wonder where I would find this thing called a Bible, not realizing that I was carrying one in my hand for seven years.

"So when Herman mentioned the Bible, I asked him, 'Is it possible to see one?' He quickly gave me one, and I have it to this day."

Milanovich says he was interested in history, especially Biblical history, and he attended church with Brundula a few times. "But," he says, "in those days I didn't want to be seriously involved in a spiritual way."

In 1967 Milanovich and Brundula moved to Vancouver Island. Milanovich occasionally attended Sabbath services in the homes of Gervase Betts and Wolf Hessel.

Pastor Gordon Smedley says, "I was pastor of Central Vancouver Island at the time, including the Courtenay company. Now, nearly 30 years later, I am pastor of the Comox Church, and whom should I find attending every service? None other than my friend, Peter."

In the intervening years, Peter had joined the Worldwide Church of God, partly because of his convictions about the Sabbath. He left the group after a couple of years, however.

In 1994 he received a flyer in the mail, inviting him to attend local Adventist evangelistic meetings. He began to attend church occasionally and became friends with church members and other individuals who had also attended the meetings.

"After some of them invited me to help unload the moving truck for Pastor Smedley, I started to attend regularly," he says.

During the recent Discoveries in Prophecy series, Milanovich never missed a meeting, and when Smedley invited him to join the Adventist church, he was ready to agree.

"I don't know that I'll ever be perfect," Milanovich says, "But today I feel like part of the family." ■

*by Shelley Nolan,
Messenger Managing Editor,
with Pastor Gordon Smedley*



Peter Milanovich (left) with Pastor Gordon Smedley

Worship? Refuge? Communication? Art form? Lifestyle influence?

How Music Touches Our Lives

Music — This is a common conflict between the church and young people. Most questions people ask include, "Do the words glorify God and does the beat have a negative effect on you?"

Although many young people like the "upbeat" style, some adults still think it's not the way we should worship. But do we really know the way to praise God?

Lisa Joseph

I strongly believe that music affects our relationship with God, according to the type of music that you listen to. If you can lose yourself in a beautiful piece by Beethoven or Mozart, I doubt that the connection with your Heavenly Father will suffer. But if you feel yourself more inclined to rock, such as that song which says, "Tell me all your thoughts on God, 'cause I'm going to meet her," that may cause friction in quite a few areas. Don't do anything that could damage that lifeline relationship. Like the Bible says, "Avoid even the appearance of evil." It **will** damage the relationship.

Elizabeth Palin

Sometimes when I hear music that the church choir sings, it makes me feel like God is everywhere and touching my heart. But some music makes me keep away from God. I hear the beat and the words in their songs, and it makes me a destructive person. And I don't want it to happen. If you're going to listen to music, listen with all your heart.

Joringel Sarino

You can't just say that yeah, you listen to it but don't get influenced by it. You do get influenced by the beat and the lyrics. You probably have heard people in the hallway of your school, singing the latest lyrics to a new song. See, they're influenced by it! I know people who record songs and try to memorize them by listening to them many times.

Shelly Dhillon



Can music affect your relationship with God? The grade 9 and 10 students at Deer Lake SDA School in Burnaby, B.C., share their thoughts on the subject.

Music affects the way we think, what we do, and the way we dress. We think the way the lyrics go. We do what the stars do. And we dress the way they do. Now, I'm not saying that all of us go to the extreme to be exact duplicates of our "role models," but I'm sure that all of us can at least admit that we dress like they do. (You have to admit it, because if you like to follow the trends, that's where the fashion industry gets them.) No, I'm not saying that these fashion trends are bad, but the people who create them are. Singers shouldn't be our role models. God should. So, what do you listen to?

Andrea Adamson

I think God is so far apart from me whenever I listen to Selena because her music makes me feel different; music can be just a waste of time sometimes. Whenever I listen to Christian songs they make me feel like being like God — having faith, patience, and being lovable. I feel good, I feel God is with me, and that He is working in me to go to His side.

Sandra Castro

Even though I don't listen to music very often, I know that somehow it affects my relationship with God. Sometimes — rare times — when I do get addicted to some kind of music, I tend to forget everything that exists. Not only God, but everything — my family, homework, and other responsibilities. Sometimes when I'm depressed, I turn to this music to make me forget about my problems. Instead of talking out my problems, I spend time in my room with the music blasting. Instead of talking to God asking for help, I try to forget and keep everything locked inside me. When I'm listening to music, it is easier for me to think about what I wish to happen: a great way out of this world, a great way to ignore reality — just like TV, but with more imagination.

Janet Bay

Music can be a very powerful form of communication. It is an art form and can be interesting entertainment. Composers see it as spreading a message to people, getting across what they think. Although we may not hear it, there is always a reason for music. And it is always within you.

Michael Abinoja

Music is such an important part of church, and a lot of us youth often wonder about the standards of music in the church. I think a lot of the times the reason why lots of music isn't let into the church is that more people start loving the swing of things and the musical "high" more than the praising of God itself in the music. But then again, feeling good goes hand in hand with loving God. I really think it's the gap in generations that separates the views of music in the church. I feel that whatever draws a person closer to God can't possibly be wrong as long as its focus is on the praising, the words, and the love for Him who made it.

Tricia Hong

In my opinion music can be used for good and evil. The church frowns at the thought of bringing drums to the church, and they shudder at the thought of playing anything that's not from the hymnal. I think that music in the church becomes bad when the lyrics are bad or when it's not used to praise the Lord. If you've ever gone to a Pentecostal church and listened to their music, it's all to the glory of God. I consider myself an "Adventacostal."

Maria Barreno

I don't like the music in church because it makes me fall asleep. It is so mellow that I get drowsy. It's nice and all, but when it's time to praise God, I am ready for bed. I wish the church would update its musical style, which will keep the youth interested. If the music was really good in church, more youth would come.

Chariah Usman

I don't think God cares whether or not we have "church" music in church or a more modern wave of music. I think that we should combine all styles of music in church. Different people praise God in different ways. If people could open their minds, there would be more people praising God. I wouldn't mind several different types of music in church. Different things make the world go 'round. I think God is pleased with us no matter how we praise Him, as long as we do.

Michelle Canosa

■ BRITISH COLUMBIA

Correction: In the January issue of the Messenger, Ken Wiebe should have been listed as the new secretary of the British Columbia conference.

Be Part of a Miracle — Give New Life through Organ Donation

On September 2, 1996, our 16-year-old daughter was given a priceless gift — a new kidney. This has given her the chance to live life as a normal teenager. She is one of three teenagers in the British Columbia conference to have a kidney transplant in the past year.

Keri-Lee was on hemodialysis for a year. This meant being hooked onto a machine for three mornings a week to clean her blood of all the impurities normally excreted by the kidneys. She then changed to home dialysis, which meant being hooked up to the dialysis machine for 10 hours every night.

Each day brought with it the hope that the telephone would ring and we would be told that a suitable donor had been found. On September 1, her doctor called us with the news that there was a possible kidney donor for Keri. The hours spent waiting for confirmation seemed to be some of the longest hours of our lives. Prayers for Keri's health and prayers for the donor's family occupied a lot of our time.

The gift came from a family in Kelowna, who had the generosity to donate the organs of their son during their time of grief. This gift provided a teenager with the chance to do things she had only dreamed of while on dialysis.

Keri and her friend Angie, also a recipient of a new kidney, are able to go to our church youth group every Friday night and take part in other social activities planned by the youth group.

This year during Organ Donor Awareness Week — April 20 to 26 — Keri-Lee and the Griffiths family want to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who has already signed their organ donor card. We'd like to encourage those who have not, to do so and discuss it with their family. You just may give someone like Keri, Angie, and Jennifer — who had her transplant in January — a new life. ■

*by Meri Griffiths, a volunteer
with the British Columbia branch
of the Kidney Foundation*

■ NEWFOUNDLAND / LABRADOR

Province Blanketed by Discover Cards

"Go ye into all the world" means into all our communities in our conference. Each of the 170,000 homes in Newfoundland and Labrador have received a Discover Bible course enrollment card. To date nearly 900 people have enrolled. Stephen McIntyre, who directs the school along with an enthusiastic group of volunteers, is excited about this Bible venture and the great response. When students complete the Discover course, they are encouraged to enroll in the Daniel course (God Cares) and are invited to view the Net '96 Discoveries in Prophecy videos. A west coast school, located in Corner Brook, is conducted by Lawrence and Diane Burns.

Dave Crook, conference president, says, "Please pray for these students, that they will allow the Holy Spirit to guide them into the truth." ■



(Left) Stephen McIntyre, director of the Discover Bible school, handles boxes of enrollment cards.

■ QUEBEC



Women Build Bonds through Secret Sister Program

The women's ministry group in Sherbrooke, Quebec, had a very good year, which ended with a Christmas dinner for the ladies who participated in the Secret Sister program (pictured above). The women discovered who had been their secret sisters, and all said that they had sensed their sister's prayers and had enjoyed getting to know a sister in Christ more personally. Maria Morris, women's ministries leader, stands at the far right. ■



(Below) Discover school volunteers correct hundreds of lessons — answering many questions and writing personal letters. Left to right: Janice Hill operates the computer, recording names and addresses; Rosalind Baier, Lorraine Best, and Virginia Casey are faithful instructors; Stephen McIntyre and conference president Dave Crook are excited to see what is being done.

■ MANITOBA / SASKATCHEWAN

The Power of Matching Grants



(Left to right) Tarrah Borchowitz, Trina Nischuk, Tamara Borchowitz, Paul St. Germain, Derek Borchowitz, and teacher Tony Oucharek.

Last fall the members of the Yorkton Sabbath School youth class initiated their own relief fund for ADRA. They decided that instead of buying themselves candies and goodies from time to time, they would forgo the treat and donate the money to ADRA.

Last September they raised \$44.65. Since the Canadian International

Development Agency (CIDA) matches donations by a three to one ratio, the youth's fund of \$44.65 became \$178.60. ■

Music Ministry Fosters Relationship with Hutterite Community

Guest choirs from four Hutterite colonies joined members of the Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie Adventist churches in a sacred music concert held in Elie, Manitoba, last fall.

The program drew a standing-room-only crowd of 700 people. A freewill offering was collected for ADRA, and a large collection of food was donated for the Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank. The concert closed with a song about love and unity, performed by a united choir from the four Hutterite colonies.

At the concert, Adventist books and magazines were made available, and the supply soon ran out. Discover Bible lesson cards were passed out, and 18 Hutterites have returned the cards and are studying the lessons. A graduation is planned for the spring.

A second concert is in the planning stage for the spring, due to the great interest among the Hutterites for an event of this kind, to praise God in song. ■

by Caroline Conway

If you are interested in starting an outreach music ministry to the Hutterites in your area, you are invited to contact **Hilda Brown** or **Caroline Conway** at **P.O. Box 298** **Elie, Manitoba** **R0H 0H0**.

Brandon Church's Outreach Efforts Have Cumulative Effect

November 30, 1996, was one of the happiest days in the life of the Brandon SDA Church as four individuals joined the church through baptism.

The church members and their pastor, Slawomir Malarek, worked hard to establish a correspondence Bible school. Eight students graduated from the school on October 5, the first day of the Net '96 meetings. Three of the newly-baptized members were graduates of the Discover Bible course. The pastor is studying with several more interested individuals who attended the Discoveries in Prophecy series.

The church members are joyful for new member Janet Ducharme, who is the first native to be baptized from the group of natives who attended the Net '95 and Net '96 meetings. ■



(Left to right) Ken Smith, Janet Ducharme, Bill Comer, Joan Mackie, and Pastor Slawomir Malarek

■ ALBERTA

Native Ministries Works Together for Mamawi Atosketan Native School

When Jesus was on earth, He knew that the way to reach a unique culture was through individuals. He associated with tax collectors, prostitutes, generals, and yes, children. When Alberta native ministries leaders discussed how best to reach the native community, they recognized it was going to have to be through individuals — children.

Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) serves the families of four bands of the Hobbema/Pigeon Lake Indian Reserve.

The name means "let's work together" in Plains Cree. The Adventist Church is working to reach the individual lives of more than 100 children from these bands who otherwise would have limited exposure to Christianity.

"The reason we chose education," says Linda Calderbank, native Ministries member and former MANS principal, "is because, when the church wants to first reach the people in Third World countries — in Africa or Asia, for instance — they begin with education."

When the native ministries group conceptualized a school for Hobbema, they were realizing a launching ground for other work such as health and lifestyle education in the native community.

Ken Fox, MANS school board chair, says, "We are committed to an educational training center that not only teaches kids reading, writing and arithmetic, but teaches them how to live. We have a motive that drives us to educate these kids for a broader purpose. We want the school, over the long term, to be a training center for people who will eventually return and minister to their own communities."

With numbers that suggest there are less than 183 native members out of more than 43,000 Adventists in Canada, this is an astonishing work.

"You can't be in this because it's a job," Calderbank says. "It's got to be a commitment, and the only thing that drives you like that is a commitment to the Lord."

Mamawi Atosketan Native School needs the support of many individuals from varying backgrounds to continue to help it succeed. He who was able to feed 5,000 on a small boy's lunch is able to spiritually feed a culture if we will allow ourselves to be His medium. Everyone working together can make a difference in Canada's native community. ■

*by Heather Reid,
a fourth-year English major
at Canadian Union College*

Edmonton Church Meets Ambitious ADRA Goal

For the third consecutive year, the Edmonton Central church met its goal of \$10,000 for the annual ADRA appeal. John Lakusta, leader of the appeal, personally raised \$2,300 from public solicitation and \$2,000 from three church members. He says, "This has been an exercise in faith! Through Christ all things are possible, and He will provide the means." ■

■ MARITIMES

Pugwash Church Dedication

November 9 was a high day at the Pugwash Adventist campgrounds when the building used by the Pugwash congregation was dedicated. During the past year the building was extensively renovated through the addition of a foyer, kitchenette, and new enlarged washroom facilities, as well as a new roof, new electrical service, and redecoration of the sanctuary area.

In attendance at the dedication service were most of the Truro congregation, friends from other churches, and local residents who shared the joy of the occasion.

While the renovations were funded by the Pugwash congregation, who use the building most of the year, the facility is also used for various activities during campmeeting. The newly-renovated building, along with other improvements made during the past few years, has greatly enhanced the appearance of the campgrounds. ■



Workers Gather for Conference Meetings

The pastors of the Maritime conference gathered in Moncton, New Brunswick, in early January for several days of fellowship, workshops, and rededication to purpose and mission. Joining the group were Jonathan Kuntaraf, from the General Conference Sabbath School department; Don Krause, from Canadian Union College; Henry Feyerabend, from It Is Written Canada; and Roy West, from the Quiet Hour. Delegates from most of the churches in the conference gathered to study risk management with Arthur Blinci and Warren Walikonis. ■



(Back row, left to right) Richard Novlesky, Doug Hosking, Ken Corkum, Jack LeBlanc, Peter Dible, Roy Dubyna, Michael Lowe, Roger Robichaud, Glenn Mitchell, and Lloyd Steves. (Front row, left to right) Pedro Graca, Larry Hall, Lisebye Luchmun, Robert Lehmann, Richard Hammen, Caleb Bru, and Roger Couty.



Students at Woodward Junior Academy in Saint John, New Brunswick, collected cans for the church's food basket program.

■ ONTARIO

Everyone Has a Story

December 7 was a high day at the Portuguese SDA Church as eight new people, from diverse backgrounds and locales, joined the church through baptism.

Paulo Conceicao worked with a member of one of the Spanish churches, Rafael Carrasco, who had been witnessing to him for some time. Carrasco invited Conceicao and his wife, Anna, to some meetings being held in the Portuguese church by Henry Feyerabend. At those meetings the Conceicaos made a decision which was renewed during the Net '96 meetings at the Portuguese church.

(Left to right) Kevin Gonçalves, Kathleen Terencio, Anna Conceicao, Paulo Conceicao, Pastor Amin Rodor, Rui Asuncao, Andreia Assuncao, Pastor Paulo Vieira, Alfred Fogel, and Carolina Fogel.



Alfred Fogel, a young Jewish man, married an Adventist girl from Brazil. She gave him a copy of *The Great Controversy*, and after reading it he began to attend church with her. He was baptized along with his daughter, Carolina.

Rui Asuncao spent some time in Brazil where he met his wife, Andreia. Recently they moved from Brazil to Toronto where they began attending the Luso-Brazilian church for a number of months prior to their baptism.

Kevin Gonçalves and Kathleen Terencio attend the Brampton Portuguese church with their parents. ■

by Manuel Pereira

North Bay Church Dedication

Friends and former members of the North Bay church are invited to the dedication services to be held May 24, 1997. Sabbath School and church services will be followed by a potluck luncheon, and the dedication service will take place at 2 p.m. ■

Rallying through Prayer

A wide variety of individuals — from youth to church administrators — attended the Metro Toronto prayer rally at the beginning of January and experienced a renewal of their motivation for ministry.

Rita Bennett, coordinator of the event, says, "It seemed like a family reunion celebration as several pastors and church administrators joined the team, coming together with their members, elders, church officers and choirs. They were there to inspire, stimulate, and motivate all present for ministry. The driving motive behind the team members of the prayer ministry was clear: the desire for God's people to reflect His character and to be in partnership with the Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls."

Youth members attended with their friends and vocal groups to sing, pray, and express solidarity with pastors and church leaders.

The speakers described the gifts brought by the Holy Spirit, which include:

- a deeper and closer relationship with God
- increased love for God's word
- the gift of intercessory prayer
- a more fulfilling prayer life
- the ability to share God's love boldly and effectively

Other sessions included presentations on pastors and their churches' needs, relating to families, evangelism, youth, ADRA, educational institutions, literature work, and other areas of ministry.

Bennett says, "No wonder conversations about this event continue, because for many it was an extraordinary experience — a time when God came near. For others, it was a time of victory, spiritual renewal, and healing. For still others, unexpected confidence and boldness to proclaim God's love was received."

Plans for the next prayer rally are under way, with the event scheduled for June, 1997. ■

Little Church Covers Large Territory with Community Service Bus

"Yes, can I help you?"

"Hello! I'm with the ADRA annual appeal. We're helping folks who have gone through fires, floods, and other natural disasters. We provide them with food, clothing and other basic necessities. Any donations we receive is greatly appreciated."

Suspicion was written all over the lady's face. After a brief moment, the solicitor added, "We're the folks who give free clothing through our community service bus."

Suddenly, as though a light went on, the lady responded, "Oh yes! Please wait a moment. I'll be right back." With that, she quickly left the room, only to come back with a cheque made out to ADRA.

This same scenario has been played out time and again thanks to the Haileybury church's community service bus.

For years, the local members of the 19-member church have conducted a free clothing program in the basement of their little church. And for years, the same dozen or so faces have appeared to forage through the neat piles of sweaters, dresses, pants, and suits. Once a week, the doors would be opened, and for a couple of hours a grand total of maybe 10 individuals would come and go. Sometimes, not a soul would show up.

Then, someone had an idea. Why not turn an old run-down school bus into a mobile clothes distribution center? Instead of having the same few folks come to the church for clothing, why not take the clothing to the people?

Now, I must admit, even the pastor questioned the wisdom of this move. With only a dozen members and most on a disability pension or retired, how could anyone hope to make a bucket of bolts road-worthy, along with proper shelving and hang-up bars? How can we possibly afford a paint job? Then we need to remember the insurance costs, fuel, et cetera, et cetera!

Questions and doubts maybe existed, but the idea was hatched, and some people refused to take no for an answer. It took several months, but with the help of a mechanic who offered to do much of the work at no charge for labor and many man-hours from the members, the bus was painted, the lettering was put in place, and it was time to get to work.



Arrangements were made with local officials, and designated areas were provided for the bus. Announcements were made through free radio and television spots. In the month of July, 1995, the first of many trips were taken to four different communities.

By the time we had our "bus dedication service" in October, we had given out five times more clothing in the previous three months than we had in the previous six. In June, 1996, six communities were added. In November, two more towns were included, making it necessary to add an extra day per month on the road.

With numerous breakdowns, one would wonder how we could manage to cover all of our expenses, as they do add up to quite a bit. That part, we haven't figured out yet. All we know is that the money always seems to be there at the

If you would like to find out more about the Haileybury church's community bus program, please contact the church elder, **Jim Selmán**, by phone at **705/642-3838** or mail at: **General Delivery Sesekinika, Ontario P0K 1S0.**

last minute. The insurance is always paid. There's always enough money for fuel for at least one more trip.

The most amazing thing, perhaps, is how the program has generated more funds for ADRA during our fall campaign — as much as three times the usual giving. In turn, the reversion funds have then been used to keep the program going.

Our community service has done more to promote awareness of our little church in this area than anything else in a long while. What is really great is the fact that we've received countless words of encouragement and support from everyone in the communities. We've even been given a newer bus by a local company at a fraction of the price.

I don't know about you, but we folks in Haileybury believe in miracles. ■

by *John Fournier*,
Pastor of the Haileybury SDA Church

New Pathfinder Club Starts Out Strong



A little more than a year ago, the Toronto Central Taurus Pathfinder Club was started with 20 members, under the direction of Chris Grant. The induction ceremony took place in March, 1996, with 20 Pathfinders and 21 Master Guides in Training. The year was also a memorable one, because six Pathfinders gave their lives to Christ in baptism.

Verona Bowen, communication secretary for the church, says, "I was personally impressed with the club's performance at Camporee 1996. It was their first time participating in such an event, but their zeal, desire, and effort made me proud."

The club also participated in the summer fair at Crawford Adventist Academy in Toronto. The club received silver awards for both of these events.

At an investiture ceremony held in December, 1996, twelve Pathfinders and five Master Guides were invested.

Bowen says, "Hats off to Grant and all the Master Guides for their interest, effort, commitment and dedication in working tirelessly for the benefit of our children. I know that the Lord will richly bless them." ■

RESOURCES

Materials for Youth Leaders

The Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) has released a new issue of *Giraffe News*, with 32 pages of resources, practical ideas, and inspiration.

The theme for the winter issue is "Reaching a Visual Generation." A senior pastor shows how youth leaders can reach every sense as they work with young people. He offers several ready-to-use visual aids for sermons, youth talks, and Sabbath School. A popular Christian illusionist shares how youth leaders can use illusion to reveal God, including a ready-to-use illusion. An Adventist playwright shares how youth can share God's love through simple skits, including two ready-to-use drama activities. Each article includes references to further resources, experienced youth leaders, and

training opportunities.

Giraffe News is a quarterly magazine that is distributed to Adventist youth leaders around the world. The vision of the magazine is to be a source of inspiration and empowerment to Christian adults who choose to "stick their necks out" for young people. Among other features, the magazine reviews youth ministry resources and provides practical features ranging from ready-to-use Bible studies to social meetings and community service projects.

To order *Giraffe News*, call 1-800-YOUTH-2-U or 616/471-9881. ■

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Are you lost in your search for church-related products and materials, wasting precious time looking for resources or redeveloping products that already exist?

You can cut through the maze with one call to PlusLine. The Adventist service is a central clearing house where information is stored and retrieved to facilitate both church members and leaders. PlusLine is equipped to help people find the best tools to get the job done by:

- providing program ideas to local church leaders
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You can speak directly with an information consultant by calling 1-800-SDA-PLUS (732-7587), Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to noon (all Canadian time zones). You can also contact a consultant by e-mail at 74617.627@compuserve.com. ■

■ KINGSWAY

94th Kingsway Homecoming Weekend — May 2 to 4, 1997

All alumni are invited to attend the 94th homecoming weekend of Kingsway College, Oshawa Missionary College, Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary, Buena Vista Academy, and Lornedale Academy.

Special recognition will be given to the following honored classes: 1947, 1957, 1967, 1972, 1977, and 1987. For information and assistance as you make your plans, please call or write:

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I'm Glad You Asked!

What was a positive experience of your first semester of the 1996/97 school year at Kingsway?



I moved into the dorm and now have a new perspective on campus life. I also got a great job in the computer lab.

Lisa Orpana



I met wonderful friends who appreciate great music like I do.

Atuhani Burnett



I was drawn closer to God because of the positive spiritual atmosphere on campus this year.

Andria Wilkins



I experienced the best U.S. history trip ever.

Paul Jones

■ Announcements

The Edson SDA Church would like to locate the following members: Othmar (Jim) Schildknecht, Diane Wilson, Ida Irene Douglas, Wilma LaeDay, Dean Catting, and Dixie Bergseth. If you have any information regarding these individuals, please contact Julia Pepper, Church Clerk, Edson SDA Church, Box 6253, Edson, AB T7E 1T7.

Missing members: The Warburg SDA Church is looking for the following members: Thelma Nelson and Sherry Wetzell. We would appreciate any information that would assist us in locating these persons. Please contact Parti Vaillant at 403/848-2849.

The Rest Haven SDA School reunion will be held August 4, 1997, in Sidney, B.C., at a location to be announced. All former students and teachers, please contact Evelyn Trefz. You will receive further information and be added to the mailing list. Evelyn Goertzen Trefz, Box 114, Mirror, AB T0B 3C0; phone/fax: 403/788-2495; E-mail: evtrefz@agt.net.

Cedar Brook School celebrates 35th year: Alumni and friends of CBS are invited to attend the 35th year celebration planned for April 4-6, 1997. Registration will begin at 5 p.m., Friday. Sabbath potluck, Sunday brunch to conclude by noon. For more information, contact the school at 508/252-3930.

Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) B.C. Chapter will be holding a spring rally April 25-26, 1997, at the Rutland SDA Church in Kelowna. The guest speaker will be Doug Batchelor, director and dynamic speaker for *Amazing Facts*. The theme is "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Adventist Frontier Missions from Berrien Springs, Michigan, will also be participating in the rally. B.C. bulletin inserts will provide additional information, or call Tony A. Monteith, President, B.C. ASI chapter at 604/535-8545.

■ Legal Notices

Legal Notice of the 29th Regular Session (9th Triennial)

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-ninth Regular Session (9th Triennial) of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the Hill Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3720 Hill Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, on April 13, 1997. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

This session is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years, the election of officers and departmental directors, consideration of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and the transaction of such other business as

may properly come before the session at that time.

As provided in the present Bylaws, delegates to the session are chosen as follows: one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof.

Daniel R. Jackson, President
Harry B. Sackett, Secretary

Legal Notice, Ontario Conference

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the 29th Triennial Session of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will convene at the A.E. King Fitness Complex on the campus of Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, 1997.

Purpose: This Session is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years and to elect officers and directors of departments, to consider proposed changes in the bylaws that may be recommended and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Session at that time.

Delegates: Delegates to the Session, as provided by the bylaws, are chosen as follows: one delegate per church without regard to size of membership and one additional delegate for every 50 members or major fraction thereof with a minimum of three delegates per church.

Organizing Committee: Notice is hereby given that the Organizing Committee will convene in the Kingsway College chapel in Oshawa, Ontario at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 1997. The Organizing Committee shall nominate: (1) A Nominating Committee; (2) A standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Representation to the Organizing Committee is: one individual from among the membership of each church of less than 300 members, two individuals from churches with 300-800, and three from churches with over 800 members.

Nominating Committee: Notice is hereby given that the Nominating Committee will convene at the SDA Church in Canada (board room) at 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 4, 1997. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to nominate: (1) Officers of the Conference; (2) Directors of Departments and Services; (3) Members of the Board of Directors.

E. Rick Bacchus, President
John Bullock, Secretary

Legal Notice, The Quebec Conference Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the third General Meeting of the Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Church, Montreal, Quebec, from Saturday, March 22, 1997, to Sunday, March 23, 1997. The first meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22, 1997.

The Meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years, the election of officers

and directors of departments, the election of the Board of Directors, consideration of proposed changes in the Bylaws that may be recommended, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting at that time.

Each local church shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for the organized church and one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof and who hold membership in the local church which accredited them.

Georges L. Hermans, President
Yves E. Colas, Secretary

■ Births

James Paul Crombie was born Oct. 6, 1996, to Philip and Michelle (Grant) Crombie of Naples, Fla.

Kyle Nathan Gimbel was born Dec. 30, 1995, to Jere and Bonita Gimbel of Calgary, Alta.

Brandon Thomas Saunders was born Dec. 4, 1996, to Andrew and Cherraine (Cutts) Saunders of Fredericton, N.B.

■ Weddings

Pamela Dunn and Todd Wallenfels were married Nov. 24, 1996, in Portland, Oregon, where they will be making their home. Pamela is the daughter of Pastor Edward and Cheryl Dunn, and Todd is the son of Wally and Sandy Wallenfels.

■ Anniversaries

Astley and Albertha Ambersley, of Willowdale, Ont., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 22, 1996. The Ambersleys have five children.

Don and Grace Asher, of Maple Ridge, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, 1996. The Ashers have four children.

Alberto and Armandina Macedo, of Toronto, Ont., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November of 1996. The Macedos have two sons and one daughter.

Percy and Margaret Sutherland, of Maple Ridge, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 1996.

■ Obituaries

Florence Elenor Anderson died Jan. 14, 1997, in Red Deer, Alta. She was married to Carl Anderson. Surviving: daughters Marie (Loren) Wombold of Olds, Alta.; Barbara (Len) Blain of Calgary, Alta.; Bernice (Ken) Fox of Red Deer, and Shirley (Ralph) Kenzle also of Red Deer; brother John (Molly) Lindman of

Sylvan Lake, Alta.; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rita Laura Vincent Dunn was born March 28, 1922, in Mississauga Reserve, Ont., and died Oct. 29, 1996, in Blind River, Ont. She was married to Robert Dunn and they had six children: Louise (Obomsawin), Edward, Harold, James, Joanne (Kloosterhuis), and Fred. She had 13 grandchildren.

Walter Humenny was born June 10, 1905, in Western Ukraine, and died Feb. 3, 1997, in Humboldt, Sask. He was married to Anna Marchuk. Surviving: son Mike (Helen); daughters Molly (Tom) Skoretz and Rose (Andy) Zylenko; stepson Walter (Marion) Marchuk; stepdaughter-in-law Biddy Marchuk; brothers John, Paul, and Harry; sisters Elsie Kur, Katherine Bouvier and Marie Sondergard; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Lois (Martin) Johnson was born Nov. 28, 1921, in Manitoba and died Oct. 13, 1996, in West Covina, Calif. Surviving: husband J.A. Johnson; and brother Russell Martin.

Ada Estella Sallum was born in Dutch Village, N.S., and died Dec. 16, 1996, in Toronto, Ont. Surviving: husband Edward of Toronto; sisters Agnes Mulcahie of Halifax, N.S., and Clara Coolen of Toronto.

Barbara Jean Schockenmaier was born Sept. 12, 1949, in Innisfail, Alta., and died Nov. 28, 1996, in Grand Forks, B.C. Surviving: husband Kenneth of Grand Forks; son Gregory (Lorraine) of Grand Forks; daughter Waneta of Grand Forks; stepmother Elizabeth Brownlee of Courtenay, B.C.; brothers Robert, Harold, and Gordon of Alberta., and Norman and Alec of B.C.; sisters Alberta and Clara of Alberta, Nellie of Washington, USA, and Marlene of B.C.

Rose (Dudar) Samograd was born July 9, 1914, and died Jan. 24, 1997, in North York, Ont. She and her husband, Conrad, served in pastoral work in the Hazel Dell, Buchanan and Quill Lake churches in Sask.; Winnipeg, Man.; Innisfree, Beauvallon, Myrnam and Leduc churches in Alta.; and Simcoe, Brantford and Paris churches in Ont. After Conrad's retirement, Rose worked as a registered nurse at Branson Hospital for six years. Surviving: daughters Evangeline Lundstrom and Joan Spangler; four brothers; four sisters; and four grandchildren.

Nellie Sereda was born March 18, 1914, in Goodeve, Sask., and died Jan. 5, 1997, in Yorkton, Sask. Surviving: husband Robert; daughter Frances (Bernard) Skoretz of Lacombe, Alta.; brothers John Elash of Nipawin, Sask., and Mitch Elash of Hamilton, Ont.; daughter Kay McFaul of Ottawa, Ont.; and three grandchildren.

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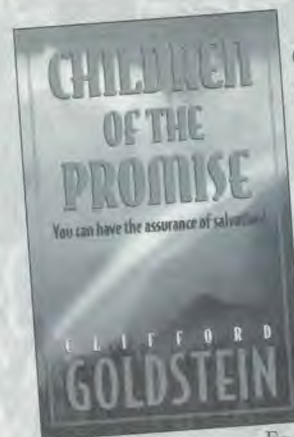
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