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As I sat down with my pen to tackle an enormous issue facing our church, I was surprised and pleased to find that someone—a worthy replacement—had already written my thoughts more eloquently than I could hope to do. It is with humble appreciation that I surrender this spot to Jimmy Carter, president of the United States from 1977-1981 and a member and leader in the Christian community for more than 60 years. His words, below, are taken from a longer article of the same title that appeared in the National Times on July 15, 2009. It is my prayer that they find open ears and hearts amongst Messenger readers.

—Crystal Steeves, editor

Losing My Religion for Equality

I have been a practising Christian all my life and a deacon and Bible teacher for many years. My faith is a source of strength and comfort to me, as religious beliefs are to hundreds of millions of people around the world. So my decision to sever my ties with the Southern Baptist Convention, after six decades, was painful and difficult. It was, however, an unavoidable decision when the convention's leaders, quoting a few carefully selected Bible verses and claiming that Eve was created second to Adam and was responsible for original sin, ordained that women must be "subservient" to their husbands and prohibited from serving as deacons, pastors or chaplains in the military service.

This view that women are somehow inferior to men is not restricted to one religion or belief. Women are prevented from playing a full and equal role in many faiths. Nor, tragically, does its influence stop at the walls of the church, mosque, synagogue or temple. This discrimination, unjustifiably attributed to a Higher Authority, has provided a reason or excuse for the deprivation of women's equal rights across the world for centuries.

The carefully selected verses found in the Holy Scriptures to justify the superiority of men owe more to time and place—and the determination of male leaders to hold onto their influence—than eternal truths. Similar biblical excerpts could be found to support the approval of slavery and the timid acquiescence to oppressive rulers.

I am also familiar with vivid descriptions in the same Scriptures in which women are revered as pre-eminent leaders. During the years of the early Christian church, women served as deacons, priests, bishops, apostles, teachers and prophets. It wasn't until the fourth century that dominant Christian leaders, all men, twisted and distorted Holy Scriptures to perpetuate their ascendant positions within the religious hierarchy.

The truth is that male religious leaders have had—and still have—an option to interpret holy teachings either to exalt or subjugate women. They have, for their own selfish ends, overwhelmingly chosen the latter. Their continuing choice provides the foundation or justification for much of the pervasive persecution and abuse of women throughout the world. This is in clear violation not just of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights but also the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul, Moses and the prophets, Muhammad, and founders of other great religions—all of whom have called for proper and equitable treatment of all the children of God. It is time we had the courage to challenge these views. ■

—Jimmy Carter

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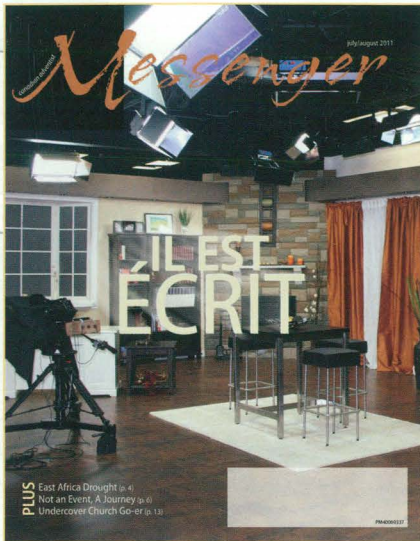
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Your Words

“... this attempt at humor has made light of the serious spiritual times in which we live and has sacrificed a reverence and solemn regard for the present truth and prophecies of God’s holy Word ...”

RE: letter in response to “Speaking in Strange Tongues,” Your Words, May-June issue

Just read about a slow-dying-church. I read in May/June issue. It’s not slowly dying, because it’s dead. That’s why, when two go in, four leave.

I’m an SDA. I left. Why? Because there’s no life, no clapping, no hallelujahs, no praising the Lord. They have half an hour of church, singing the same chorus every Sabbath, songs that are as old as the ark, few testimonies, and one piece of music.

We’re supposed to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, but our church can’t do it because there’s no life inside. Until there’s more of the above I’ll stay out. Amen? Amen.

(PS: The best part of a service is the sermon.)

— R. White, Botwood, Nfld.

RE: “Undercover Church Go-er,” feature, July-August issue

I just read the July/August article “Undercover Church Go-er.” It’s a beautiful story of care and community that many of our small churches have. Looking at ourselves through the eyes of an outsider is refreshing. Although not all churches might fare as well as this one in the story, it is good to think about how we are perceived and what people

think of us. Thank you for publishing this story.

— D. Fortin, via email

RE: P. K. cartoon, Take 5, July-August issue

I...had occasion to read the July-August edition of the *Messenger*. I was saddened by the cartoon... It seems to me that this attempt at humor has made light of the serious spiritual times in which we live and has sacrificed a reverence and solemn regard for the present truth and prophecies of God’s holy Word... Cartoons like this risk undermining our sacred calling and the Three Angels’ Message, so why should we run that risk for some cheap thrills?

I’m not the only one who reacted to the cartoon this way. In fact, the article was brought to my attention by a well-balanced and respected church member in the Toronto area who is just as concerned as I am about the message it sends. Perhaps you could enlighten me on what your purpose was for running the cartoon.

In *Great Controversy*, we are reminded of the solemn times in which we live. I

am appealing to your leadership, as the official voice of God’s remnant church in Canada, a country I greatly admire, to consider these words as you decide the appropriateness of the content for future publications.

— D. Steward, *Amazing Facts* evangelist, via email

RE: “Power and Pride,” editorial, September issue

Your editorial on the September 2011 *Messenger* gave me an entirely different picture of the Tower of Babel story. Different? For me, yes!

It connected God’s love with the drama, and that’s what never occurred to me. Your statement, “Like a truly loving parent, God stepped in not to squash their efforts but to challenge them,” shot into my mind, stopped there momentarily, then implanted itself in my heart; another impressive photo in my gallery of photos of a loving God.

Thank you so much.

— C. Nawalkowski, via email

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faith AND miracles

BY MARK HAYNAL

If God offered to work a miracle for you, would you accept His offer? I would! All of us love miracles.

We are awestruck by God's "everyday" miracles of new life: the birth of a perfectly-formed baby; the germination of a seemingly-dead seed, a living, breathing, peeping chick hatching from an egg that was simply kept warm.

In our times of great need, we beg God for a miracle of healing or deliverance. We promise Him many things in exchange for just one miracle. When we need something done that no human can do, all of us pray for a miracle.

When our child is miraculously healed, we shed tears of joy as the baffled physician tells us she can't explain how it happened. When we experience something wonderful that defies all logic, all of us are amazed.

The very essence of a miracle is that the experts can't explain how it happened. It is because something defies logic and evidence that it is called miraculous. Because of this, none of us can fully explain miracles.

And so it puzzles me why so many people who would gladly accept a miracle of healing or deliverance if God offered it, refuse to accept one of God's most magnificent miracles: the creation of our world as it is described in the Bible.

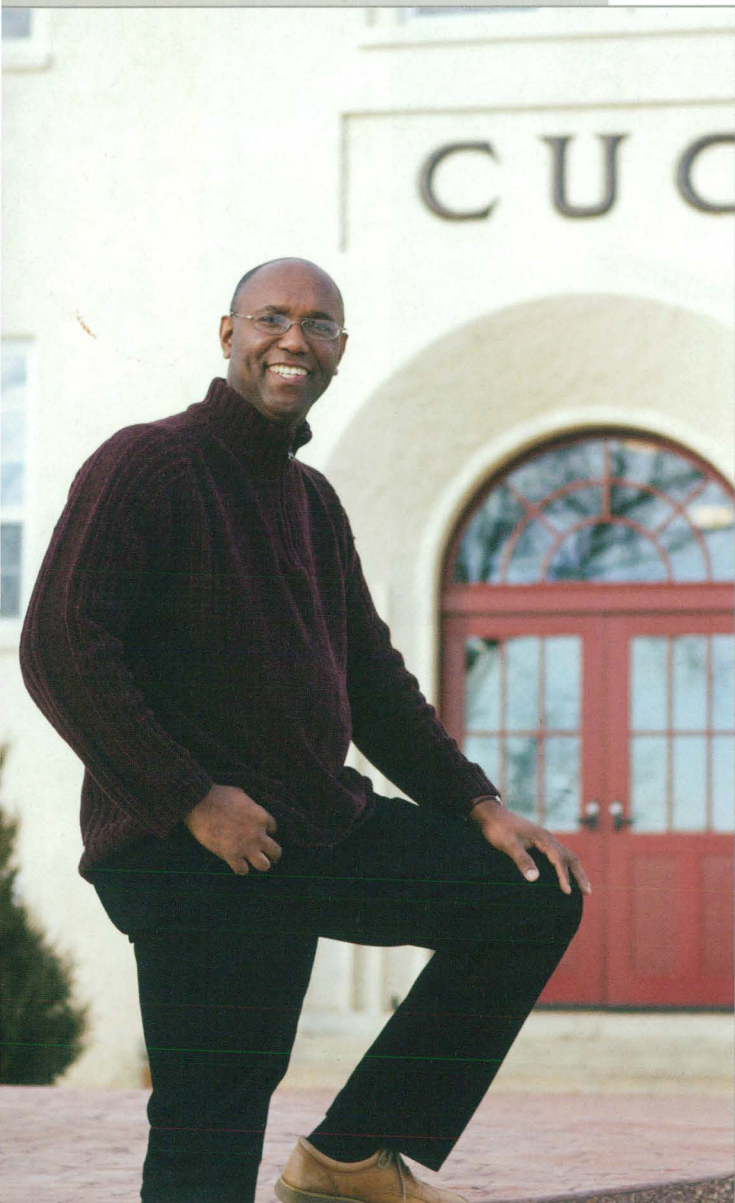
The scientific evidence doesn't support the biblical account, they say. The experts say it couldn't possibly have happened the way the Bible says it did. Creation as described in the Bible defies the laws of physics. But, it is for these very reasons that creation was just that—a miracle.

It is because of these arguments that Seventh-day Adventist universities must be places where professors who know all about scientific evidence and the laws of physics still believe in the miracle of creation. Likewise, a Seventh-day Adventist university should also be a place where students learn as much as possible about all scientific evidence while being encouraged to trust God's power to work miracles.

At the very heart of being a Christian is our faith that God has done and will do everything recorded in the Bible. If we begin to parse our faith and believe only those parts of the Bible that make scientific sense to us, we will soon find ourselves questioning everything. If, because it contradicts scientific evidence, we cannot accept the miracle of creation as described in the Bible, why then would we trust the promise of a second coming and life eternal?

When we are confronted with something miraculous, it is only human to wonder how it happened and posit any number of explanations. One does not lack faith for simply trying to explain the miraculous; God created us to think, ponder, wonder and speculate. But because we are only human, we should not lose faith when we admit we cannot fully understand or explain that which is miraculous. Never should our inability to reconcile our own research and understanding cause us to lose faith in our God of miracles. ■

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BIG CHANGES

in the lives of students at
Canada's Adventist university

"Through the worst times, God was drawing me. CUC is helping me make [my goal of effective ministry] a reality. Each class is an academic and spiritual journey."

—Robert Greaves, formerly of Barrie, Ontario
Religious Studies (pre-professional) major,
Biblical Languages minor, Class of 2013

As a 21-year old, newly-wed immigrant from Barbados, Robert never thought that in a few short years he would find himself financially successful but spiritually bankrupt and outside the church. That wasn't what he and his wife, Ernell, celebrated as Robert climbed the corporate ladder of a major automotive engineering firm, Magna International. Developing components and fixing problems for companies like Ford Motors and Buick meant that Robert's days were filled with invigorating challenges and financial rewards.

But by the time he became Assistant Quality Manager, the quality of Robert's faith and life was in dire need of assistance. As Robert moved up and out of the church, Ernell remained a faithful member, bringing their two daughters regularly to church while Robert went to his office for the morning. He gave little thought to his Baptist upbringing and the teachings of the Adventist church he joined, to the chagrin of his parents, at age 19. Trapped in success, he felt no need of God.

"You're not the person I came to Canada to be with," Ernell told Robert gravely one day, and he knew she was right. His wake-up call came in the form of a job demotion and a false accusation of impropriety. Robert began to take stock of where his "successful" lifestyle was leading him.

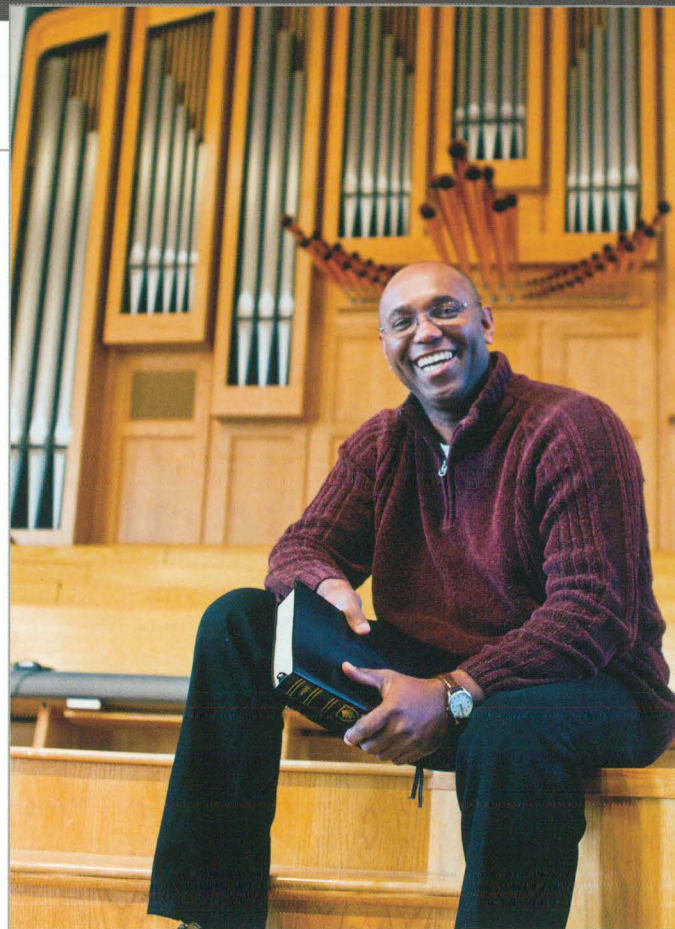
"I'll come to church for you," Robert finally told his wife, "but I'm not interested in organized religion." And he wasn't—until they attended an It Is Written series led by Pastor Santos. As the

book of Daniel was explored, Robert was profoundly convicted that God—not he, Robert, as he'd come to believe—was in control. It was the piece of the puzzle Robert had been missing.

That realization changed everything, from the way the executive interacted with his family to the way he viewed his once-prized estate home. Now Robert saw the house as a reminder of his spiritual failure and all the precious things he'd traded for worldly advancement. He wanted to become a minister and worked even more tirelessly as a lay leader than he had at his high-powered job.

After four years of watching her changed husband, Ernell was convinced that Robert's conversion and ministerial calling were real. Upon visiting CUC and the campus elementary and high schools, the couple decided that their daughters, whom they had been sending to public school to save money, also needed to be part of the warm Christian atmosphere they found at all educational levels.

"I have more joy and fulfillment now [working three campus jobs] than I did when I was earning \$80,000 a year," says Robert. "The foolishness of my past is clear and pitiful. I cannot buy God's blessing, but I feel confident that if He watched me then, He will watch me now. I'm glad that CUC is bridging the gap between where I was and where God wants me to be." ■



Government Funds CUC Enrolment Increase



Mark Haynal, CUC president, was Mr. Raymond Prins, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Lacombe-Ponoka region. Also on hand to convey his greetings was Steve Christie, mayor for the City of Lacombe. ■

Earlier this school year, the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology granted Canadian University College funding in response to continued enrolment growth at the university.

Enrolment has increased for the past several years at CUC as students from all over Canada, the United States and the world have descended onto the campus. The grant from the Government of Alberta, for \$82,352, is meant to assist with the added expenses of enrolment growth throughout the university.

The cheque was presented during the welcome back supper in early September. On hand to present the cheque to Dr.

Building an Effective Internet Ministry Team



This month we are going to look at tips and tools for building an effective Internet ministry team. To address these topics, I recently spoke with Lonny Nelson, support staff for Adventist Church and School Connect (ACC).¹ He shared some important things you should know about Internet ministry.

A misconception about Internet ministry is that you have to know a website programming language, such as HTML or PHP, to be involved. That is not the case at all. New website technology available to churches today, such as the ACC content management system, allows for quick and easy publishing with very little technical experience. If you can send an email or type a letter on the computer, you already have the knowledge needed to update your local church website.

Nelson says the first step in starting a local Internet ministry at your church is to identify a committed lead person—who is also a good listener—to direct your team.

The youth of your church are a great resource and asset to this type of ministry. Often they are tech savvy and able to commit the time and energy to do a great job.

Your team could include photography enthusiasts to capture great photos for the website, writers and text editors to produce great content, as well as graphic designers, an audio/visual team to add media, and many others. Your audio/visual team, for instance, will be instrumental in hosting videos online. Nelson says the best tool for this is Vimeo because it allows you to embed videos right in the church's website.

The next thing to consider when you have one or more people involved in an Internet ministry at your local church is the audience you are connecting with. Nelson suggests that there are three important audiences to keep in mind.

The first and most obvious audience is your local church members. Nelson says an Internet ministry team can “supply the members with dates and information online to help the church programs run more smoothly.”

The second audience is the surrounding local community, which your church should, no doubt, be praying and working to reach. “Anything that we can do that can be opened up to the community should be on the website,” says Nelson. He suggests that the home page of your church website be used to display the latest information and upcoming events because it is the first contact many will have with your church: “If you can put something in front of them that is news and interesting to them, they might bite at it.” He also suggests that each website have an up-to-date, well-organized and displayed visitor page that details information about your church environment and culture.

The third audience to be mindful of are the people around the world who may stumble upon your website in the quest for truth. Search engines have bridged the gap between you and any location on the globe, making it easier for people to find God.

Nelson also says, “everyone on the Internet ministry team needs to be thinking about how to get the information out.” Remember that people may not necessarily be visiting the church website; they may be going to the church's Facebook page, Twitter account or other online source instead. Your local ACC website has integrated a system that allows for a quick and easy way to push out the latest website content to a Facebook page or Twitter feed. Displaying familiar social media icons—such as “visit us on Facebook” and “follow us on Twitter”—on your home page visually grabs people's attention and provides multiple opportunities to connect.

I want to leave you with this thought: “You will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world” (Acts 1:8, *The Message*). May God bless you as you continue to discover avenues to reach souls for Christ. ■

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"For thus hath the LORD said unto me,
Go, set a watchman, let him declare
what he seeth." Isaiah 21:6

Creation Corner for Kids


Bed Bugs

Have you heard about the invasion of the bed bugs? A relative learned about them on the evening news, so when she and her family needed a hotel room, she knew what to look for. Folding over a seam along the edge of a bed, she spotted the pests. Tiny orange insects were hiding out, waiting quietly for their next midnight meal.

Bed bugs are wingless insects that feed on blood. They usually hide during the day and come out at night, leaving lines of small, itchy bites. They can spread from one part of the world to another quickly by traveling on clothing and furniture. Because they are tiny and reproduce very rapidly, the first one you see might be the only hint that your home has already been infested. Getting rid of a bed bug problem involves a seriously thorough cleaning of the home and all infected items.

Think about it.

Since bed bugs hitch rides on things that come into people's homes, people must be diligent about checking what they are planning to bring home with them. We must also be on the lookout for spiritual invaders into our lives.



Do it!

Next time you go shopping, carefully "inspect" the things you are planning to bring home with you. How will these things affect your spiritual life? What can you do to prevent your home and your life from becoming "infested" with things that lead you to sin? If you have an "infestation," how will you clean it up?

Learn more about bed bugs at <http://bedbugsinfo.ca/act>.

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A BETTER WORLD

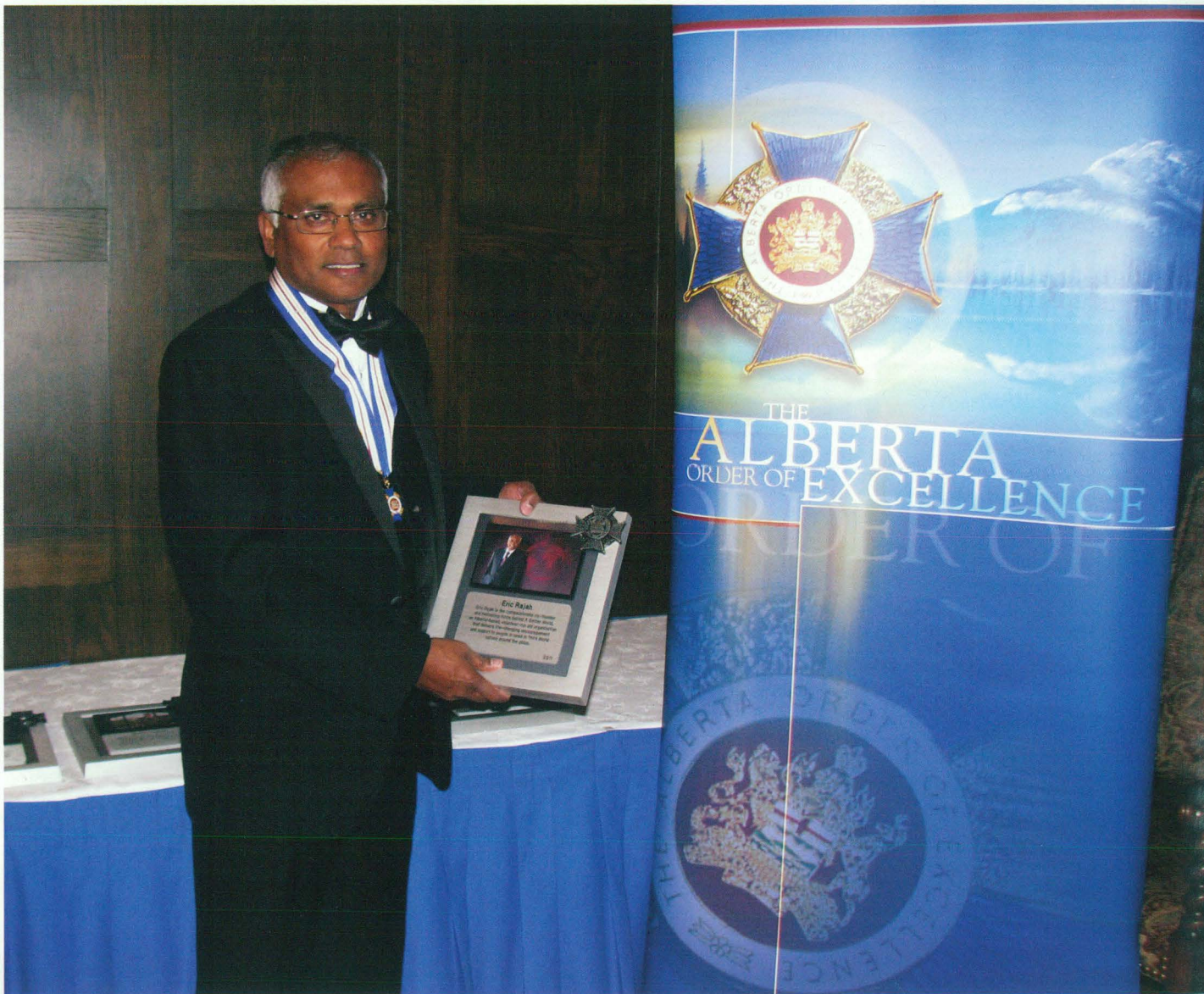
The power of Christian witness was exhibited on Oct. 19, 2011, in Edmonton, Alberta, when Eric Rajah was among the six inductees of the 2011 Alberta Order of Excellence. It is the highest honour the province can bestow on a citizen.

Anyone who meets Eric will soon discover that he is a fun-loving, humble and compassionate member of the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is not shy in sharing his story of faith and compassion for humankind, which has taken him to 25 countries and helped him raise over 22 million dollars for projects to make “A Better World.”

I caught up with Eric in the elementary school gym on the campus of Canadian University College (CUC), in Lacombe,

Alberta. His church was holding a celebration of his achievement—but as Eric would tell you, it was the achievement of the entire church. He graciously took the time to tell me his story.

The story of his ministry, known as A Better World (ABW), started before he was born. In the late 1940s, a young married couple, Alice and Clarence Gertsen, graduated from CUC and decided to go as missionaries to Sri Lanka. They would end up spending a large portion of their lives there. They took a special interest in educating the young—amongst them, Eric’s mother, Florence. She got her education and soon was making her way in life as a committed member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She



never forgot those who had given her an opportunity and told that story to her son.

Eric's family immigrated to Canada when Eric was 16. He attended the University of British Columbia studying business but felt a calling to go to CUC. Friends in church said that he should study theology. He was excited about going to the same school where those young people who had helped his mother came from. He arrived on campus with only \$500. He worked his way through and in 1981 graduated with a BA in Theology. However, the head of the Theology department, still a very good friend of his, was blunt: "Look, you are not going to make a good pastor. You cannot speak. Just get out and do something else."

"I was shocked," Eric recalls, "but he was my friend.... So I said, 'OK, fine.' I was disappointed, in a way, with no job, but CUC hired me in the Business department. Then, five years later, I started a computer business, so God must have had a plan."

Indeed He did. Not only did the Lord give him success in the computer business, which has enabled Eric to travel the world, but He gave him a beautiful wife, Candi, who has stood by his side ever since. Most people want to make their lives count, and Eric has tapped into the same Spirit that led those young people to minister to his mother those many years ago, but has also been inviting others to take part in the joy of making a difference.

Increasingly Eric's time is spent planning and working on the next overseas project with business leaders in central Alberta. "Instead of spending money on vacation," Eric tells these people, "why don't you turn your vacation into a humanitarian cause? You are going to give two weeks. ... you have skills that can help us."

Business people are great at assessing the needs in a situation, considering the options on how to get something done and then getting it done. Eric's purpose is to "open their eyes and their hearts. Once you open that, they are also willing to open their wallets. The problem with fundraising is everybody hits at the wallet. They never hit you in your heart. Open the heart and you don't have to open the



wallet. I have seen it over and over again.”

Though he did not become a pastor in the regular sense, Eric has nevertheless become a spiritual leader to the business community, but not in the typical fashion. Eric is passionate for people to experience our Adventist message, not just listen to it. “We are living in a society today where people want to experience.” Just as there is “trial-size toothpaste,” so people want to have a trial-size spiritual walk, just to try it out and see if it is real. “What I am sensing is that people want to try out a certain spirituality that comes with all of those things. How do we involve them without threat—without saying, if you join us then you have to do this, and so on.”

Further, he found that his contacts want a Christian church that “help[s] people without an agenda.” “Can we do our work in such a way that people ask what we have? Especially business people who are skeptical, who are not religious, need to see our personal lives, and they have to be touched.” Taking a business leader to Africa to help ease the life of a disabled person makes a profound impact on that business leader.

“My vision is to reach people in North America by giving them an experience of what it means to ask the question, ‘Why am I blessed?’”

“I may never baptize anybody, but I know that spiritually they have been touched. They think about the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a church that cares about people without agendas. That is the message I want to give. That’s tough! As a church we have always been perceived as having an agenda. If we build a well, we will put it in a church compound so people can also come. That might be one way of doing it; I’m not critical about that. But that is not what I see the secular community saying. The secular community says, ‘Is there a need? Are you willing without any bias to do this stuff?’ I am truly committed to that.”

Not only is Eric committed, but so is his local Adventist church. Pastor Ron Sydenham, when asked about his famous congregant, said, “Years ago Ellen White used a phrase that used to intrigue me because when I read it, it didn’t seem to make any sense. The phrase is, ‘disin-

terested benevolence.’ Even the words didn’t sound right because how can you ever be disinterested?”

Many people, according to the pastor, perceive the church as having strings attached to “our good deeds.” However, as a church-sponsored ministry, “A Better World truly is what Ellen White would call, ‘disinterested benevolence.’ There are no strings attached,” says Pastor Sydenham, “They do this and are not expecting anything in return. They are supporting people no matter what their religion is—I mean we are building schools, but we are building Muslim schools. We are not attaching any strings to the benevolence whatsoever.”

Sydenham noted that these “compassionate capitalists” get involved because they see that although the ministry is sponsored by the church, there are no strings attached. The only connections are in the friendships that are born. “There are bonds that are made with the community,” says the pastor. “It is giving a portrait of the church that is open to serving the world the way Jesus would serve. He heals 10 lepers knowing very well that only one is going to come back. He knew those nine would never come back but he healed them anyway. This is what I like about A Better World; there are absolutely no strings attached. They will go and help anybody in need. I think that speaks volumes of what God’s grace and love is all about. It’s sort of a living parable of God’s Grace. He makes the rain fall on the just and the unjust, and so do we.”

In 1990 Eric joined his good friend Brian Leavitt in approaching the church board with a crazy idea. They wanted the church to give them \$5,000 for a small project overseas. The church did not accept their \$5,000 request—instead they got \$15,000! The church members were willing to take the risk.

“This is a very deserving honour to a man who has sacrificed and dedicated his life to a life of service,” noted Brian Leavitt. “He is certainly deserving, and I am so happy that the government has the vision to honour such people as Eric.” Leavitt is amazed at how “a small vision of a couple of people can, with the blessing

of God, grow into an enormous blessing and positively impact thousands of people.” Even the local church has benefited from this work, according to Leavitt: “It has brought our church closer together by pushing us to focus on the needs of others.” And for Canadian University College? Leavitt maintains that it is proof positive that at CUC there is a balance between academic life and service. “CUC’s image in our community and province has been enhanced by the recognition of one of CUC’s alumni.”

Before I could leave the celebration, Eric insisted that I meet two young people who have taken a hold of the A Better World vision: Julie Anderson and Azalea Lehdorff. Julie is not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but she went on a trip with some friends to Kenya with ABW, and now she is hooked—so much so, that she has launched the Tomorrow’s EDGE (ABW’s youth division) Club on the campus of the University of Lethbridge and raised \$8,100 to assist her close friend Azalea for the 100 Classroom Project in Afghanistan.

As I talked with these young ladies, I could sense their passion. Azalea was leaving the very next morning with Eric to travel to Afghanistan. Azalea, a graduate of CUC, has written her MCAT but has put off medical school until later. Right now she has committed to six months in the war-torn country with ABW.

“A Better World,” says Eric, “is also about what these young people are doing.” He had to rush off; many were wanting to talk to him. He was to be off to Afghanistan for a week to get Azalea settled. Then he goes back to Kenya to prepare for a group of 53 business people coming from Alberta: an education team, a medical team, a construction team. Each group will work during the day and meet at night to share their experiences. All are volunteers, paying their own way. What a vacation to make A Better World!

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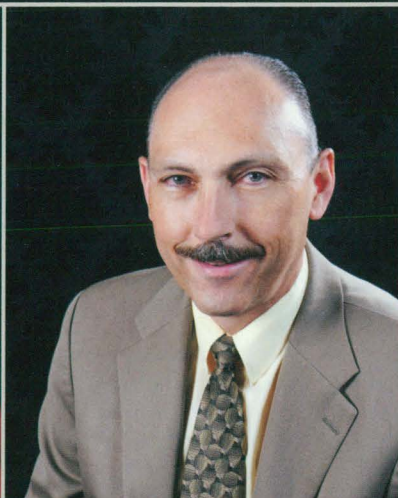
On Friday, September 23 at 4:30 p.m., the 17th Regular Meeting of the Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) was convened. Many members may not be aware, however, of this important meeting, often called the “union session” or “quinquennial session” by those in the know. They may not be aware that this meeting, held every five years, plays an important part in the governance of their church or of what was accomplished at this year’s event.



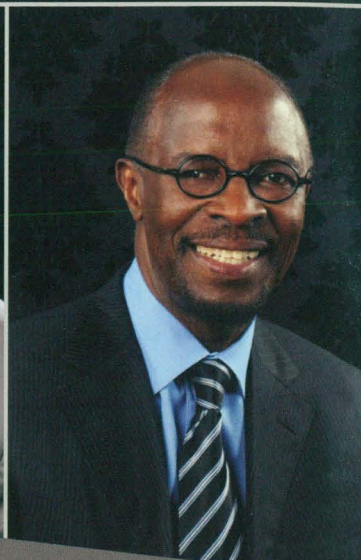
MARK JOHNSON



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JOHN RAMSAY



DENNIS MARSHALL

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RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS

Although attendance was high—fewer than 10 absent overall—a quorum was declared when 102 delegates had registered, and the session began with a business session. As is typical of these meetings, the first order of business was the election of an organizing committee, a group of 23 delegates tasked with recommending to the delegates on the floor those who should serve on a nominating committee. The bylaws of the SDACC, the policies by which the church is governed, contain guidelines to ensure that both these committees have fair representation from across the country. They do not, however, ensure fair representation by gender or age—a lack which was noticed by a few committee members as they gathered in the board room at the SDACC to commence their work.

The organizing committee completed their first task quickly and were able to return to the floor with their nominating committee recommendations before the start of the Sabbath hours on Friday evening. The nominating committee was then free to do their work when the Sabbath closed. The nominating committee is the group that recommends individuals to serve in all aspects of administration of the church—from the president and vice presidents, through the departmental directors, to the members of the Board of Directors. They continued their important task throughout the weekend as the other delegates met in the plenary session to consider other matters.

CUE THE MUSIC

For many in attendance, the best part of the quinquennial session had nothing to

do with committees, elections or bylaws, however. When Adventists gather en masse, we rarely do so without an abundance of heavenly music setting the pitch, and this session was no different. From the very opening of the meeting when the theme song was introduced, through the Friday evening concert and Sabbath worship services, and even during the business sessions on Sunday, musicians from all across Canada presented their talents to all who listened.

The theme song of the session, “Together We Can Praise the Lord,” was adapted into English by Herbert Vailiamé of the Quebec conference. The staff of the SDACC were presented with it weeks prior to the session and were on hand at opening of the session to teach the song to those in attendance.

Later that evening, the musical quality





GRACE MACKINTOSH



JOYCE JONES



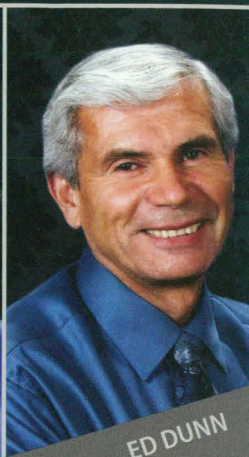
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BETTY BAYER



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increased dramatically. Called “Change the World,” a spiritual concert on the Friday evening of the session featured Canadian Adventist recording artists. Organized by Evaldo Vicente of It Is Written, the concert consisted of performances by artists from each conference.

“Choosing only one musician per conference was not easy task, given the broad variety of talent we have across the country,” says Vicente. “But I had a great time working for and at the concert. All the musicians were motivated and willing to cooperate. They are also very professional, which made my work a lot easier.” The lineup of musicians was supplemented by performers who regularly work with It Is Written and with a sermon by Bill Santos.

The Change the World concert was

streamed live via the internet to homes around the world.

BYLAWS AND MORE BYLAWS

Perhaps one of the less exciting, but most lengthy, aspects of any session is the report of the bylaws committee. This line-by-line review of the policies of the SDACC brought six major changes forward for a vote.

- The election of the mission field officers was transferred to the delegates at a quinquennial session from the member of the Board of Directors.
- A provision was created for the election of officers of the SDACC other than the president, vice president for finance and vice president for administration.

- At least one teacher would be on the Board of Directors.
- Persistent, unjustifiable absenteeism from Board meetings would be criteria for forfeiting Board membership.
- Conference/Mission presidents will be members of the nominating committee at sessions.
- The vice president for administration was selected to serve as president when no president is available.

The other recommendations of the bylaws committee were brought forward in 28 separate motion and concerned themselves with finer points of wording, grammar and punctuation.



THE OUTCOMES

Although there is much work of importance undertaken at each quinquennial session, the attention seems to go to the elections of SDACC administration and the Board of Directors. As it happens, all the current officers and departmental leaders were reelected to their posts in this most recent session. One notable shift was the promotion of Dennis Marshall, superintendent of Adventist Education, who will now add to his portfolio the title of general vice president while maintaining his current duties.

The new Board of Directors was elected and will consist of the following individuals:

NAME	CONFERENCE	DESIGNATION
Mark Johnson	Ontario	SDACC President, Board Chair
Dragan Stojanovic	Ontario	SDACC VP for Administration
John Ramsay	Ontario	SDACC VP for Finance
Joe Adante	Alberta	Laity
Ishmael Ali	Alberta	Employee
Anderson Antenor	Quebec	Laity
Rémy Ballais	Quebec	Employee
Kevin Boonstra	British Columbia	Laity
Sorja Buchanan	British Columbia	Laity
Jemaly Cadanilla	Quebec	Laity
Ken Corkum	Newfoundland	Conference President
Wayne Culmore	British Columbia	Conference President
Mansfield Edwards	Ontario	Conference President
Linda Flowers	Ontario	Laity
John Fournier	Maritimes	Conference President
Gerald Grant	Ontario	Laity
Brian Hawes	British Columbia	Employee
Mark Haynal	Alberta	CUC President
Reynold Hazelwood	Ontario	Employee
Pauline Ijeh	Ontario	Laity
Ivy James	Manitoba/Saskatchewan	Laity
Karen Landry	Manitoba/Saskatchewan	Employee
Daniel Latchman	Quebec	Conference President
Ray Loxdale	Maritimes	Laity
Katharine MacBay	Newfoundland	Laity
Jeddu Migrino	Ontario	Laity
Ben Mora	Ontario	Laity
Ron Nelson	Manitoba/Saskatchewan	Conference President
George Stonecypher	Alberta	Laity
Ken Wiebe	Alberta	Conference President
Scott Bowes*	Ontario	KC President
Ed Dunn*	Alberta	SDACC Native Ministries Coordinator
Joyce Jones*	Ontario	SDACC Undertreasurer
Grace Mackintosh*	Ontario	SDACC LEGAL/PARL Director
Dennis Marshall*	Ontario	SDACC VP for Education
*Invitee		

SEEN AT THE SCENE

One of the strengths of governing the church based upon a meeting such as the quinquennial session is that a wide range of membership sectors can be represented and voice their concerns. Delegates are selected by the conferences and may be any member of the church; age, experience, and political bent should be irrelevant to the appointment. At this session, there was indeed a broad range of outlooks and interests represented among the delegates. We couldn't speak to all, but we did meet up with:



FAITH CALAMINOS, a young delegate from British Columbia and a third year student at Canadian Union College (CUC), recently spoke to the SDACC Board of directors about the needs and concerns of young adults in the church, and the contents of her presentation were featured in the January/February issue of *Messenger*.

Faith gave the superintendent's remarks during Sabbath School on the Sabbath morning of the session. "I feel privileged to be here," she said, "It's great to connect with people I wouldn't have otherwise." She remarked that most people her age do not understand how the quinquennial meetings work. Faith takes her unique perspective on the session back to her classmates at CUC.

BRENNEN VANECK, a delegate from the Edmonton Central Church in Alberta, was attending his first quinquennial session. He said that he saw a "sincere attitude of service and humility in the administrators of the church," which he found encouraging.



GEORGE STONECYPHER, a lay member and a member of the Board of Directors in Alberta, said he enjoyed meeting new people from all over Canada, including a friend from Walla Walla whom he hasn't seen in 40 years. "I've enjoyed the focus people have...They're focussed on cooperation [and] the unity we talked about," he remarked, referring to Dan Jackson's sermon. He added with a smile, "I've enjoyed my bus drivers; they're very nice people."



JOY ASTOLFI of the Calgary Central Church, another first time delegate, found it interesting to observe the inner workings of the church. She saw her nomination as a calling and was anxious to know how she could contribute to the session and what she could take away from it.



ROBERTHA GREENAWAY, principal of the Ottawa Adventist School, said: "I think the theme of the session [Reach Canada] says it all. More than an election of a few officials, I expect that we will see a widening vision. Even though this isn't an evangelistic meeting, I expect to leave with a renewed commitment to reach the unreached."



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SDA Church in Canada

Session Delegates Walk for Let's Move Day



Delegates from all over Canada gathered in Oshawa for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada's Quinquennial Session on the weekend of September 23-25. Their schedule was packed with bylaws committees and late-night meetings, but on Sunday, September 25, they managed to find some time to participate in the Let's Move! initiative of the North American Division (NAD). Newly re-elected SDACC president Mark Johnson and NAD president Dan Jackson led 147 delegates on a walk from College Park Church to the King Fitness Complex on the campus of Kingsway College, where they would be having lunch that day. The participants of the walk took a total of 120,540 steps, or approximately 189.17 km.

When US First Lady Michelle Obama launched the Let's Move initiative in order to combat the growing trend of childhood obesity, the Seventh-day Adventist Church joined in the fight. Adventists InStep for Life, a health ministry of the North American Division (NAD), used their website www.AdventistsInStepForLife.com to invite Adventist churches, schools and health care organizations to join in the fight against childhood obesity. The SDACC was honoured to utilize a portion of its quinquennial session schedule to participate in this worthy cause. ■

Hermione Wilson, Messenger staff

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ADRA Connections 2012 Trips



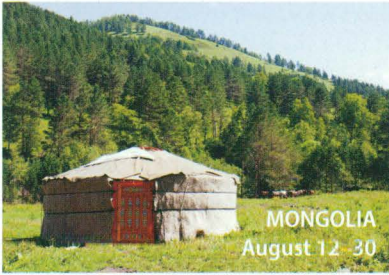
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February 13–March 1



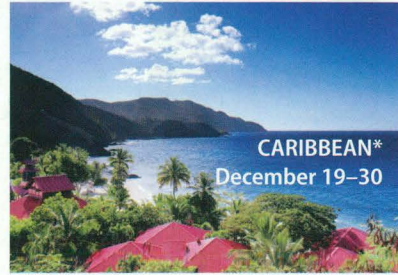
PERU
April 30–May 17



MONGOLIA
August 12–30



KENYA
November 19
–December 8



CARIBBEAN*
December 19–30

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*Exact destination to be determined

Canadians Mourn Beloved Teacher

On August 10, Suzette (Stanley) York, principal of Memphis Junior Academy in Memphis, Tenn., was found dead in a classroom of the school she loved and led. A grade 11 student from the school has been charged with her killing.

Suzette will be fondly remembered by many in Canada because she and her husband, Les, were teachers in Adventist schools in both the Maritimes and British Columbia before going to Tennessee in 1996. Many here have turned to Facebook to offer tributes and condolences.

“[She was] one of the most caring teachers I ever had. I think all of my teachers at Sandy Lake cared to some extent where my life would lead, but Suzette would have easily been in the top two of those that you could really feel her concern,” wrote a former student.

“She was a beautiful person inside and out,” wrote another.



Some posted simply, “RIP, Ms. Stanley” and “A fantastic teacher who will be deeply missed.”

At the school where she worked and died, a prayer vigil was held during which her more recent students echoed those sentiments: “She was the most gentle person you would ever meet,” and “she was always smiling...always.”

Steve Haley, president of the conference that operates Memphis Junior Academy, issued the following statement: “This is a very sad day for all of us in this community, and particularly for the Seventh-day Adventist family. We are shocked and saddened over the tragedy

that has befallen Suzette York. She was not only an administrator, but also a colleague, a friend and a fellow believer. Our prayers are lifted on behalf of her husband as well as the staff and students at Memphis Junior Academy. We are also praying for all those impacted by this tragedy.” ■

British Columbia

Pifher Out, Culmore In



Gordon Pifher



Wayne Culmore

Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division (NAD), announced August 11, 2011 that “Gordon Pifher, president of the British Columbia Conference, has accepted an invitation of the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) Executive Committee to become director of Stewardship, Leadership and Creative Ministries.”

Commenting on Pifher’s departure, SDACC president

Mark Johnson, stated that “Gordon has served with energy and enthusiasm in every assignment he has taken on, and British Columbia has been no exception. His absence will be felt in Canada. We wish Gordon and Marie heaven’s richest blessing as they move into this new phase of their ministry.”

Following Pifher’s relocation to serve in NPUC, on September 18, 2011 the Board of Directors of the British Columbia conference unanimously elected Wayne Culmore as the new conference president.

“Thank you for trusting us” said Culmore. “By God’s grace and the prayers of God’s people, we will continue to press forward in spreading the gospel to the people in the vast territory that we serve.”

Culmore’s denominational service began in 1974. He has most recently been the ministerial director in the B.C. conference, and was their executive secretary at the time of this promotion. Those who work closely with Culmore know his passion is reclaiming former members and discipling new members. ■

*Coming
in our
December issue . . .*

- ⇒ Hermione Wilson provides an in-depth look at Christian Record Services. What do they do? How do they do it? Why should we care?
- ⇒ Deanna Prentice debates real vs. fake. What is better for Christmas trees? What is better in the church?
- ⇒ Crystal Steeves shares her final editorial before handing the pen off to president Mark Johnson. Has she saved the best for last?
- ⇒ Then, throughout 2012, we celebrate our **big** birthday—
80 years of Messenger history!

Something *M*issing?

JUST FOR FUN, WE'VE HIDDEN OUR MESSENGER "M" SOMEWHERE IN THE PAGES OF THIS MAGAZINE.

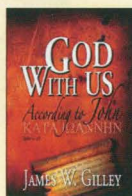
Carefully search each page, find its hiding spot, and then head to www.adventistmessenger.ca to tell us where it is. Comment on the news story called "Something *M*issing in September" (giving us your name and contact information), and you will be entered into a random draw for a prize furnished by the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center.

Remember that the "M" looks just like that—black and approximately that size. It's not in any of the places where our logo usually goes, like the masthead or page footers. Happy hunting.

WE HAVE OUR WINNER! The *Messenger* would like to congratulate Renette Madill of Port Hope, Ont., our contest winner for September. She will receive a book from the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center and a small package from the *Messenger*.

In the September issue, the *M* was on page 16, in the bottom photo on the floor under one of the blue work benches.

Contact the Eastern Canada ABC before December 30 and mention the *Messenger* contest to receive a 20% discount on the books our winners will now enjoy!



God With Us According to John (John 1-12)
by James W. Gilley (PP)

Jim Gilley, with his down to earth style, handles timeless truths in such a way as to uncover lessons from the Gospel of John that touch our lives today. His personal stories from his own life experiences make these lessons come alive.

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS: Deadline to submit your entry for this contest is 11:59 p.m. EST on Jan. 8, 2012. Contest is open to any Canadian resident, one entry per person. All correct entries will be entered in a random prize draw to take place on Jan. 9, 2012. Prize does not exceed \$50 in value. Employees of the SDACC and those in their household are ineligible. The SDACC, the *Canadian Adventist Messenger*, and their employees are not responsible for any failure of electronic equipment or computer transmission or network connections; inaccuracies of information, for technical or human error in the processing of entries, including data entered by the contestants. The SDACC reserves the right to modify or cancel all or a portion of the contest for any reason.

Do You Know an Extraordinary Canadian Adventist Young Person?

The SDACC and the *Messenger* are on the hunt for youth and young adults who are changing their church, their community and their world for the better. If you know someone under 30 years old who is taking the world by storm, nominate them for our **Top 30 Under 30**.

Send an email (or, if you must, snail mail) with the subject line "Top 30 Under 30" to messenger@adventist.ca to nominate a deserving young person. Please include their name and contact information, your name and contact information and a paragraph telling us why we should consider them for our list.

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Announcements

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Missing Members. The Leamington Church is requesting any information about the following individuals: Sheila Adams, Sheryl and Marley Holland, Brian and Scott Johnson, Heather Mason. If you know their whereabouts or have information on how they can be contacted, please contact Dirk Zinner, pastor, at 519/322-1644 or email dzinner@adventistontario.org.

Are you in need of prayer? Call the Kendalwood SDA Church Prayer Line at 905/434-8470 or 1-888/554-3005 Sundays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Someone from the Prayer Team will be there to pray with you.

Reviving, preparing and going to tell the world. Three days of inspiration, training and relaxation for lay, pastor and full-time evangelists and conference administrators. Southern Union Evangelism Council 2011. Presenters include Dan Jackson, Mark Finley, Benny Moore and Charlene West. December 5-8, Daytona Beach, Fla. More information: www.southernunion.com/evangelism, 407/257-6847, or suevangelism@yahoo.com.

New Members

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Emily Désirée Traversy was baptized in Kelowna, B.C., on August 13, 2011, by Andreas Mellas. She is now a member of the Rutland church.

Amanda Mader was baptized in Kelowna, B.C., on August 20, 2011, by Andreas Mellas. She is now a member of the Rutland church.

M.J. (Margaret Jo-Ann) Croix was baptized in Kelowna, B.C., on September 3, 2011, by Brian Hawes. She is now a member of the Rutland church.

Adison and Lachlan Wood were baptized in Nanaimo, B.C., on September 17, 2011, by David Ellis. The twins were baptized following months of diligent study directed by their father, Stuart Wood, and Pastor Ellis. They are now members of the Harbourview church.

ONTARIO

David Sadler and Quentin Styger were baptized in Kingston, Ont., on October 15, 2011, by Daviceto Swaby. They are now members of the Kingston church.

Births

Presley Jayne Chiakowsky was born on April 13, 2011, to Heather and Jason Chiakowsky of Loma Linda, Calif.

Anniversaries

Ruth and Michael Yarema celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, 2010. A party was held for



the couple at the Williams Lake church on Sept. 3, 2011. The Yaremas have four children and five grandchildren.

Birthdays

Victor Frank of Cranbrook, B.C., celebrated his 90th birthday on August 25, 2011. He is the first in his family to reach this age. A family party was held on September 4. Victor has five children, 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Wilfred Blackmore was born Nov. 20, 1919, in Middle Brook, N.L., and died Sept. 8, 2011, in Gander, N.L. Wilfred was a devoted member of the Glovertown church, which he helped to build. After his baptism in 1971, he held several positions in the church, including 28 years as church elder, as well as being involved in Outreach Ministry. Wilfred is predeceased by his wife, Jessie Woodland; his brother, Gordon Collins; and his half-sister, Lillian Pritchett. Surviving: sons, Rex of Victoria, B.C., and Derek of St. John's, N.L.; daughters, Sharron (Scott) Stoyles of Airdrie, Alta., Rae Blackmore of Langley, B.C., Beverly (Rock) Nolet of Lafontaine, Ont., and Andrea (Leslie) Burton of New Carlo, Ont.; sister Daisy Hancock of St. John's; and eight grandchildren.

Evelyn May (née Ross) Bowles

was born July 18, 1918, in McLean, Sask., and died Sept. 17, 2011, in Oshawa, Ont. Evelyn was a faithful member of the College Park church, and she served as assistant treasurer at the SDACC for 32 years. She is survived by her cousins Lila Goertzen of Abbotsford, B.C., and Lois Gurney of High River, Alta.

Carollyn (née Bullis) Brown was born Dec. 2, 1942, in Ottawa, Ont., and died Aug. 6, 2011, in Wetaskiwin, Alta. Carollyn was active in the church, especially with the Pathfinders Club. She is predeceased by her sister Donna. Surviving: sons, Troy (Yelene) and Stacey (Gordana); brother, Clifford (Yvonne) Bullis; sister Sandi (John) Menard; and five grandchildren.

Walter Frape was born June 15, 1920, in Fleming, Sask., and died June 20, 2011, in Grande Prairie, Alta. Walter served his church as an elder, personal ministries leader, Sabbath School superintendent, teacher, deacon, greeter, prayer warrior, music ministries leader, as well as a Pathfinder Master Guide and junior class teacher. He is predeceased by his wife, Leona (née Blahovich). Surviving: son, Larry (Lorraine); daughters, Lucy Nesbitt, Sharon (Art) Ferguson, Joan Petick, and Lynn (Ken) Darby; brothers, Howard and Archie; ten grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Daniel Walter Koronko was born Dec. 29, 1953, in Revelstoke, B.C., and died Sept. 20, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. Dan served his church as a Sabbath School superintendent, as well as leading in song services and anything else he was asked to do. He is predeceased by his parents, Walter and Dorothy Koronko, and his sister, Kelly Koronko.

Ella Viola (née Glanzer) McClellan

was born April 28, 1918, in Hilliard, Alta., and died Aug. 6, 2011, in Terrace, B.C. Ella was the last of the Terrace church's charter members. She served as elder for a time and often sang special music. Ella grew green onions for Investment for many years and was very active in the Terrace soup kitchen until the age of 89. She is predeceased by her husband, Earl; her sons Jack and Aaron; and her brothers, Ben, Eugene, Raymond, Harold and Tony. Surviving: sons Marvin of Edmonton, Alta., Kenneth (Ladelle) of Manning, Alta., and Clayton (Florette) of Prince Rupert, B.C.; daughters, Vidella (Jim) Mucha of Salmon Arm, B.C., Shirlee Tiller of Salmon Arm, Terri Burton of Terrace, Toni (Harry)

Announcements

All friends, family, and former members and pastors of the Woodstock church in Ontario are invited to join us on Sabbath, December 10th, 2011 for a special anniversary service entitled "He Led Us All the Way! Celebrating 40 Years of God's Leading in Woodstock." We will enjoy Sabbath School, worship, a fellowship lunch, and an afternoon service together. Our featured speaker will be Pastor Nilton Amorim, recently retired secretary for the SDACC and former pastor of the Woodstock congregation. Our afternoon program will feature a brief history, a slide show, and testimonies and stories of God's leading over the years. Come and join us as we reminisce and celebrate together!

The Kingsway College Class of 1952 is having its 60th anniversary in May of 2012. If you know the whereabouts of any of the people listed, please contact Bob Russell at brdr@bell.net as soon as possible. Thank you. The names include: Frederick Bell, Earl Bledow, Shirley Brace Casey, Anita Proulx Jewell, Arlene Remmers Hart, Victoria Sofichuk, Ralph Atwood.



Lloyd of Duncan, B.C., Ida McClellan of Nanaimo, B.C., Beverly (John) Lyons of Houston, B.C., Karen McClellan of Terrace, and Krista (Rod) Neegam of Pender Island, B.C.; 33 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild, and one great-great-grandchild.

Dennis Nickel was born March 19, 1946, in Salmon Arm, B.C., and died Aug. 4, 2011, in Moscow, Idaho. Dennis devoted his life to ministry in churches in the Alberta and B.C. conferences in Canada and the Upper Columbia conferences in the United States. He is predeceased by his brother Gordon Nickel. Surviving: wife, Jenny (née Nielsen); sons, Benjamin Nickel of Edmonton, Alta., and Bradley Nickel of Huntington Beach, Calif.; daughter, Bethanne (Jez) Nichols of Red Deer, Alta.; brother Randall (Garri) Nickel of Loma Linda, Calif.; and sister, Lavonne (Victor) Anderson of Grass Valley, Calif.

Janet (née Hoodikoff) Prichard was born April 28, 1957, in Oliver, B.C., and died Sept. 17, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. Janet was a devoted member of the Kelowna church and a kind and compassionate person who loved helping others. She is predeceased by her father, John Hoodikoff. Surviving: sons, Daniel and Matthew; mother, Diana; brother, Don Hoodikoff; and sisters, Karen (Joe) Barroca, and Sharen (Peter) Perversoff.

John Ramsay was born July 21, 1917, in Bradwardine, Man., and died Sept. 1, 2011, in Brandon, Man. John was one of the founding members of the church in Brandon, Man. He faithfully served his local church as an ordained elder, Sabbath School teacher, and board member. John is predeceased by his wife, Esther (née Neufeld) and his daughter Phyllis Willauer. Surviving: sons, Robert and Bruce; daughters Pat Selman and Judy Ramsay; brother, Robb Ramsay; sister, Betty Aab; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Benjamin Schafer was born June 7, 1918, in Woodbend, Alta., and died Jan. 17, 2011, in Wetaskiwin, Alta. Ben was a faithful member of his church. He knew every member and enjoyed talking to them about his Lord. He is predeceased by his son Kevin; his brothers, Emil, Emmanuel and Sam; his stepbrother, George Fritz; and his sisters Bertha, Elsie and Dorothy. Surviving: wife, Violet (née Steinke); sons Douglas (Tamie), Darrel (Karen) and Rodney (Judy); sisters Phoebe Rogers and Mabel Steinke; and four grandchildren.

Evelyn (née Fuller) Warman was born Oct. 31, 1929, in Murrayville, B.C., and died Aug. 12, 2011, in Salmon Arm, B.C. Evelyn worked in the book bindery at CUC while her husband was a theology student there. She was involved in many cooking schools, stop-smoking clinics, and evangelistic meetings as a pastor's wife. Evelyn is predeceased by her brothers George and Michael Fuller. Surviving: husband, Pastor Richard Warman; sons, Arthur Royce (Jane) Warman and Gary (Kathy) Warman; daughters, Rosemary Warman, Evelyn (Bob) Conner, and Barbara (Ellery) Tetz; foster son Brian Mews, and 16 other foster children; brothers Ritchie (LaVoie) Fuller and Edgar Fuller; sister, Dorothy Jones; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Michael Yarema was born Dec. 30, 1926, in Salasze, Poland, and died Oct. 6, 2011, in Williams Lake, B.C. Michael was the sound technician at Williams Lake church for many years and an elder at the Nipawin church. He was also a net controller for the Adventist Amateur Radio Association. His call letters were VE7 KLY. Michael is predeceased by his brothers Edward, Alex, and Jon Yarema. Surviving: wife, Ruth (née Scheffler) Yarema; sons, Lloyd and Kenneth; daughters, Eleanor Bartsch and Kathleen Yarema; brother Nick; sisters, Pauline Mireau and Ellen Richards; and five grandchildren.

■ Tribute

Hazel Bernreiter was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Regina, Sask., and died peacefully on Sept. 28, 2011, with family around her, in London, Ont. Hazel leaves behind her loving husband, Michael, of 64 years; daughters, Alana (Craig) Kinzelman of Athens, Ohio, Gwen (Dave) Moffatt of St. Thomas, Ont., Glenna (Wayne) Grimmer of London, Ont.; and grandchildren, Joseph Kinzelman and Amanda Grimmer. She also leaves behind her sisters, Betty Petricko and Pat Johnston. She will be remembered for her lovely smile, which brightened the lives of those around her, and for her great love of God's nature, birds and gardening. For those who remember Old Camp Frenda, Hazel was one of the cooks there, "Mom," for many years. Until we meet again...

John Bradley Tolman was born May 1, 1954, in London, England, and died June 18, 2011, in Newmarket, Ont. As the co-founder and former director of the famed London Adventist Chorale, John strove for excellence in church music and saw



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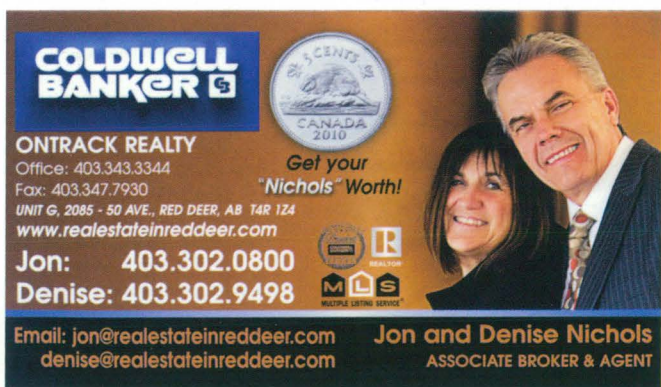
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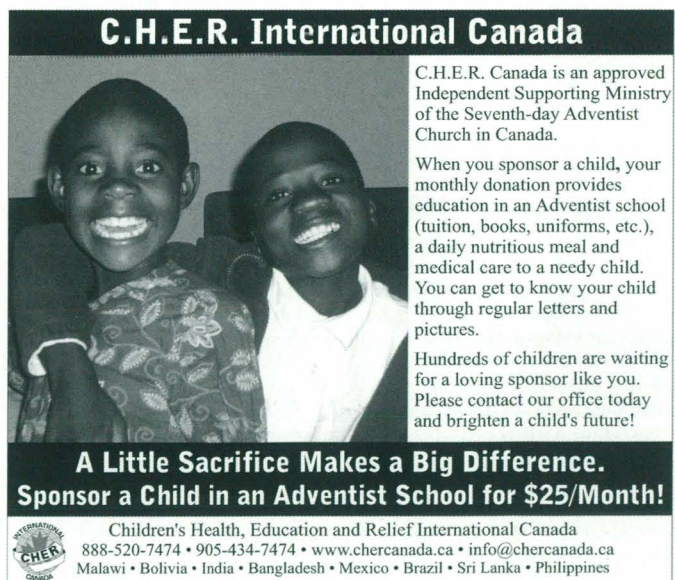
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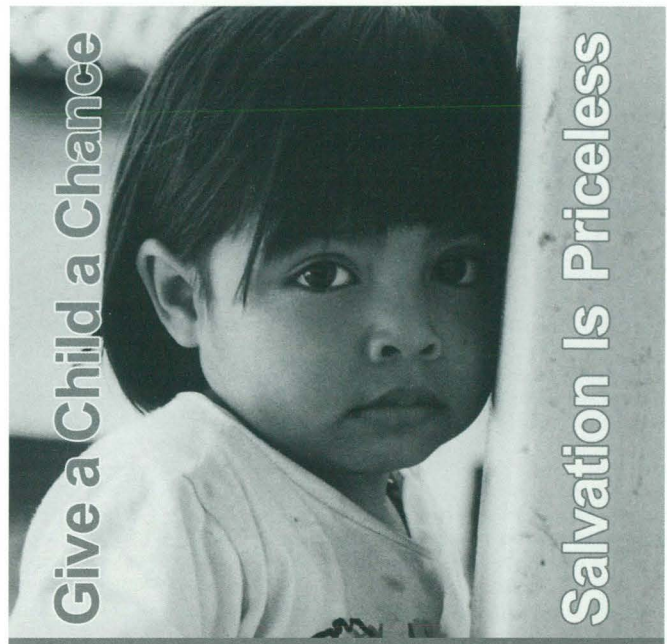
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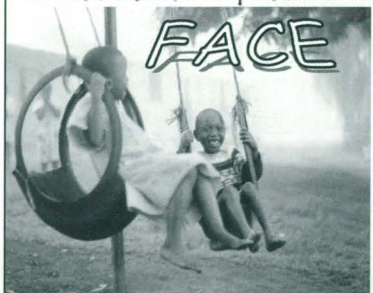
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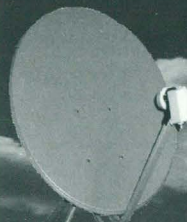
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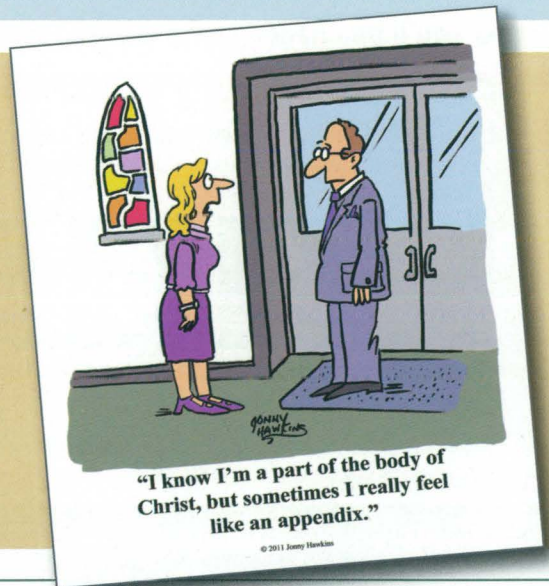


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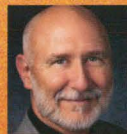
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