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President's Report



One of our greatest needs is for individuals to perceive the Seventh-day Adventist Church as Christ-centred and relevant. In this world of suspicion and unhappiness, God needs people who are authentic and vibrantly spiritual.

It is only as we experience the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives that we will be able to enthusiastically participate in the great commission that God has given to us, and witness the results of a mission-driven Church.

It is my desire that the reports in this issue of the *Messenger* will give you a glimpse of what has transpired during the past quinquennium and the way in which God is leading His Church.



Staff at the church headquarters' office are, back, left to right: Brian Ford, Claude Sabot, Clareleen Ivany, Janice Saliba, Orville Parchment, Karnik Doukmetzian, Brian Christenson, Juanita Longman, Joan Fraser, John Howard. Front row: Jeanette Hey, Julie Clarke-Krueger, Sarah Lewis, Joan Tanasiychuk, Carolyn Willis, Nour Issa, Nicole Jordan, Lucille Tabingo. Missing Don Upson.

The years 1991-1996 can be described as years of challenges and successes for the SDA Church in Canada. Over the past five years numerous changes have taken place, yet, at a backward glance, God's leading has been evident.

I take this opportunity to express appreciation to Elder Douglas Devnich for his leadership through the first half of this quinquennial period.

Evangelism

The statistical report notes that 8,846 new members were added to the church over the past five years. However, 3,074 were released from membership or were recorded missing. This is a decrease of 315 over the previous five years. This significantly high number of family and friends who are no longer worshipping with us, indicates a great need for us to develop and maintain a caring, sensitive environment in each church where new members are welcomed and nurtured, and former members reclaimed.

Evangelism continues to be the focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Net '96 is an opportunity for every church to be involved in taking this Gospel to every household in Canada. Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 50% of churches in Canada have ordered satellite downlink equipment and have begun preparation for the Net '96 crusade in the fall. This could be the greatest evangelistic thrust Canada has ever experienced.

Office Structure and Role

The headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has accepted the challenge to function primarily as an administrative unit. This has been evident in a reduction of staff. In 1986, there were 26 employees at the headquarters office. The number was reduced to 24 in 1991. To date, the number of employees is 17.5.

This reduction has enabled the Union to return additional funds to the conferences for evangelism and other ministry needs. The primary role of the staff at the headquarters office is to coordinate, facilitate, motivate, communicate and assist in policy formulation for Canada. It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that ministry should take place primarily at the conference and local church levels.

Tithe

We are certainly thankful for the faithfulness of members in their commitment to return a faithful tithe. The tithe for 1990 totalled \$29,333,237.00. In 1995, the trea-

surers reported a total of \$32,284,743.00. This represents an increase of 11.2% over five years.

ADRA Annual Appeal

During this quinquennium significant changes have been made in the annual ingathering program. As ADRA is now playing a significant role in the operation of this program, it was necessary to change its name to The ADRA Annual Appeal.

Trusts

The Trust Department has successfully provided the necessary training whereby treasurers and trust directors are able to obtain the Canadian Trust Services Certification. This enables them to assist members with the financial management of their estates. Presently, 24 individuals have successfully completed this course. It appears that this is a positive factor in the \$5,178,000.00 donated to the Church through wills and bequests over the past five years. This represents a 30% increase over the previous five years.

Education

The education program in the union continues to be strong. In the fall of 1991 an education council was established. This council consists of all superintendents, associates, senior academy principals, some junior academy and elementary principals, and representatives from Canadian Union College. During this quinquennium, under the guidance of the Superintendent of Education for Canada, this group has made great strides in updating the policies and guidelines for the Seventh-day Adventist schools in Canada.

Canadian Union College

Canadian Union College received exciting news in January 1995 when approval was granted for baccalaureates in the following programs of study, as recommended by the Private Colleges Accreditation Board:

1. 3-year Bachelor of Science
2. 4-year Bachelor of Arts in English
3. 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Music
4. 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies
5. 4-year Bachelor of Science in Biology

Women's Ministry

The primary purpose of Women's Ministry is to assist women in ministering to other women. This ministry has at times been misunderstood and equated with a platform for ordination of women. However, those who have experienced the blessings of this ministry have found it to be one that meets the spiritual, emotional and social needs of women. It is encouraging to note that to date, every conference and mission has a Women's Ministry Director in place.

What Is Ahead

A look at the future for the SDA Church in Canada is encouraging. The Board of Directors has approved a recommendation of a specially formed Governance Committee to examine the financial and organizational conditions and structures within the conferences of Quebec and the Maritimes and the Newfoundland Mission. Its purpose is to evaluate if there is a more efficient and effective way of accomplishing ministry. It is the intention of the committee to examine the operation and structure of the other conferences at a later date.

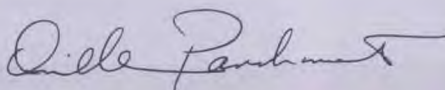
At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, a visioning session was conducted. This was to determine the direction that the Board should take in providing leadership for Canada. It was decided that the following would comprise the focus of attention:

1. Develop a vision for the future of the local congregations; create a climate where growth is normative; target specific population groups; increase funding for soul winning.
2. a. Reshape SDA Church in Canada administration towards a "governance" rather than a management model, redefining the role of the board of directors and officers.
b. Counsel local conferences regarding realignment/restructure and develop accountability strategies for administrators and pastors.
3. Develop a Canada-wide strategy to raise the priority of K-16 Adventist education and explore alternative delivery systems.
4. Using in-house vehicles, public media and other technology, develop a Canada-wide strategy to

inform the members and the public of the work of the Church.

5. Provide effective accountable leadership which focuses the energies of the Church on the development and enhancement of national evangelistic, educational and communication strategies.

It is my sincere belief that, as a united church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, marvellous things can happen here in Canada during the next quinquennium. I hope for the soon coming of our Lord. However, should His coming be delayed a little longer, I encourage you to keep your eyes focused on the love of Jesus. Let us continue to be fervent in prayer and the study of His word. We will discover that through the power of our testimony, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, many will come to a knowledge of our Lord and will learn to experience His presence.



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From the Secretariat Department

Claude Sabot



Since the last Quinquennial Session, three persons have held the position of Secretary. The first was Orville Parchment, then Robert Lemon became Secretary-Treasurer, and finally Claude Sabot was elected to the position.

The Seventh-day Adventist work began in Canada in 1848 when Joseph Bates travelled to this country with his Sabbath School tracts. On February 6 and 7, 1864, the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Canada was organized in Westbury, Quebec. In August of 1880, James White, General Conference President, organized the three Quebec churches, totalling 132 believers, into the first Canadian conference. Although the work started in Quebec, our single, biggest challenge is still to evangelize Quebec.

You will see from the enclosed charts that the Lord has blessed us abundantly. However, He wants to do so much more through us as we continue to commit our lives to Him. We can praise God for the fact that at the end of 1995, the SDA Church in Canada passed the 45,000 membership mark. We are thankful for the growth that has taken place across Canada, especially in the British Columbia and Ontario conferences. It is interesting to note the growth pattern of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada over the past 25 years.

	Membership	Churches
1970	19,307	183
1975	25,143	215
1980	31,396	257
1985	35,689	289
1990	40,047	317
1995	45,129	331

You will notice that since 1975, our membership has grown by approximately 5,000 every five years, or, an average of 1,000 new members a year. Let us do all that we can, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to double that annual increase to 2,000 new members a year. This would result in a total membership to 55,000 in the year 2000.

During the past five years, 1991 through 1995, 8,846 new members were added to the church, an increase of 627

over the previous five-year-period. During this period, 3,074 members were reported dropped or missing from the church, a decrease of 315 over the previous five-year period. (Please note Table 1). I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that the apostasies are still high. May the Lord work through each of us—empowering us to encourage, strengthen and nurture our members, as we continue to evangelize.

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Comparative Membership Statement

Table 1
Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada
Church Growth Comparative Report

Year	Membership	Churches	Baptisms	Apostasies	Gain	%
1995	45,129	331	1,942	626	1,316	3.0
1994	43,840	331	1,551	407	1144	2.7
1993	42,990	331	1,664	766	898	2.1
1992	42,083	328	1,699	569	1130	2.8
1991	41,085	320	1,990	706	1,284	3.2
1990	40,047	317	1,913	531	1,368	3.5
1989	38,679	305	1,675	881	814	2.2
1988	37,865	297	1,380	581	725	1.9
1987	37,140	295	1,670	470	1,148	3.2
1986	35,992	289	1,581	1,026	303	0.9

Table 2
Membership by Conferences

Year	AB	BC	M-S	Mar	ON	Que	NF
1995	7,787	9,467	2,921	1,622	18,764	3,846	722
1994	7,648	9,237	2,904	1,616	17,870	3,844	721
1993	7,607	9,002	2,958	1,646	17,330	3,759	688
1992	7,608	8,758	2,929	1,656	16,826	3,602	704
1991	7,536	8,477	2,939	1,648	16,313	3,480	692

Table 3
Accessions/Apostasies by Conferences

Year	AB	BC	M-S	Mar	ON	Que	NF
1995	274/69	446/184	94/30	43/6	863/195	202/137	20/5
1994	195/73	387/109	40/22	40/33	691/118	156/49	42/3
1993	193/75	358/52	97/17	67/24	637/417	267/129	45/52
1992	225/94	386/95	75/30	56/36	749/250	173/52	35/12
1991	290/166	328/154	75/13	48/124	915/150	294/96	40/3

(Table 3-Numbers indicate accessions and apostasies respectively.)

From the Treasury Department

Don Upson



As we reflect over the past Quinquennium, I cannot help but describe it as a period of change. Yet, from it, I believe we can be encouraged as we look ahead to the next five years.

The first change relates to people. Since the last session, two treasurers have assumed other responsibilities, but they are really the ones who have guided the financial resources for all but a few months of this five-year period. They helped to bring about the changes that will allow for a redirection of the finances—more funding of the local conference, with emphasis on church growth and nurture of members. The most significant aspect of this change was a decision to right size the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada staff and redirect the savings to the grass roots. This has meant the reduction of directors and support staff, beginning in 1991. As a result, the SDA Church in Canada has returned to its members, from approximately \$3,200,000 of annual income, nearly \$1,350,000 per year in church growth and evangelism funding, (see 1 graph-A, & C), plus another \$534,000 in educational K-16 funding, (*see 1 graph-A & B). The balance is used for administration, retirement, auditing etc., (*see 1 graph-A & D) this amount is in addition to the nearly \$3,200,000 appropriated by the North American Division to local conference programs across Canada annually.

Another change is related to the contracting of the Literature Ministry to Pacific Press Publishing Association in 1992. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, along with two other unions in the United States, appropriate an amount based on 1% of their combined conference and union tithe. For this amount, Pacific Press administers these unions' publishing programs. This amount is about one-half of the previous cost, while providing an efficiently run program. A more com-

prehensive report will be given at the Session.

Other types of changes have been made that save money by administering programs at the SDA Church in Canada level, rather than conferences administering them individually. One such change is the Employee Family Care Program. The General Conference Risk Management Services previously administered this program for a fee. In 1994 the General Conference office in Oshawa was closed. At that time, each conference could have employed a claims processor to handle the program for their active and retired employees. However, instead, two individuals now administer the program at the SDA Church in Canada office, Juanita Longman and Julie Clarke-Krueger. Costs for administering this plan amount to less than \$8.00 per month, per employee, without additional funding from any other sources, except the premiums that cover the claim expenses.

Further change came as a result of the requirement to provide Canadian church employees with a pension plan set up according to Canadian law instead of the retirement laws of the U.S. We began this process in 1992, when the North American Division employed Marilyn Pazitka as Director of the Canadian Retirement Plan. Although the Retirement Plan office is located in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada building, the cost of administration is the expense of the Canadian Retirement Plan. Three SDA Church in Canada employees are employed by the Retirement Plan. The salaries of Brian Christenson, who also serves as the Undertreasurer, and does the accounting for the Retirement Plan; Brian Ford, our Management Information System Manager who collects all employment records of active and retired employees; and Jeanette Hey, Secretary are proportionately paid for by the

Canadian Retirement Plan.

At the beginning of the Quinquennium our Revolving Fund deposits amounted to approximately, \$3,300,000. Deposits are now totalling more than \$10,000,000. Joan Fraser processes requests for low interest loans to churches and school building projects. Joan also manages the commercial rental properties which, after all expenses, provide over \$70,000 of non-tithe appropriations for our local conference programs. She is also responsible for processing the SDA Church in Canada employees' payroll.

Signs-Canada is another area where change has occurred. In 1994 the Signs program became a part of the treasury department of the SDA Church in Canada. The secretary for the treasury department, Joan Tanasiychuk, coordinates, on a half-time basis, nearly 7,000 subscriptions for Signs of the Times magazine. She is also responsible for receiving and processing nearly 14,000 Messenger subscriptions and for preparing the Messenger advertising and articles for submission to the editor.

Our tithes and offerings across Canada have continued to grow. In 1995, the remittances from the conferences for union tithe and general church offerings amounted to more than \$16,000,000 comparing to nearly \$15,000,000 in 1991. This is in addition to the \$29,000,000 in tithe retained by the local conferences. Clareleen Ivany, assistant treasurer, is responsible for the processing and remitting of all these funds for the Union, Division and General Conference, including currency exchange. She also returns the appropriations passed on to the entities across Canada. Lucille Tabingo assists her in this process, generating cheques and receipts, and making entries into our computer system for all these transactions.

What modern office would be complete without computers? With word pro-

cessing, computerized accounting, and a database with employee service records of current, former and retired workers across Canada, we have managed to reduce the staff from two full-time salaries to less than one full-time salary at the close of 1995.

It is our plan to continue to provide only those programs and services requested by the field. This will allow us to provide more funds to be used at the local conference and church level in evangelistic and church growth activities.

I believe, that with the continued blessing of the Lord, the consistent support of our constituency, and the constant advancement of technology, that this next quinquennium can be one of the most exciting exercises in evangelism within Canada that the Church has ever seen. Won't you join with me in making the commitment that the Lord asks of us in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

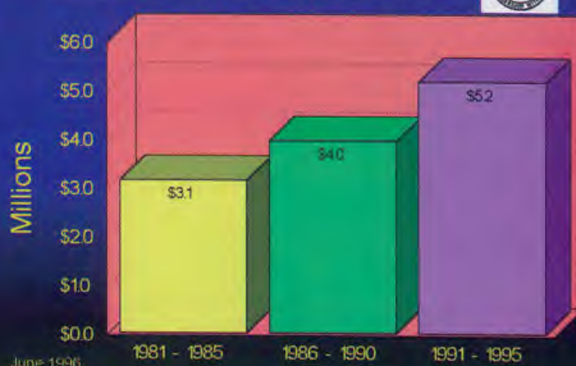
Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

Distribution of Net Tithe and Non-Tithe Unrestricted Funds for 1995



Total Funds Distributed \$3,393,657

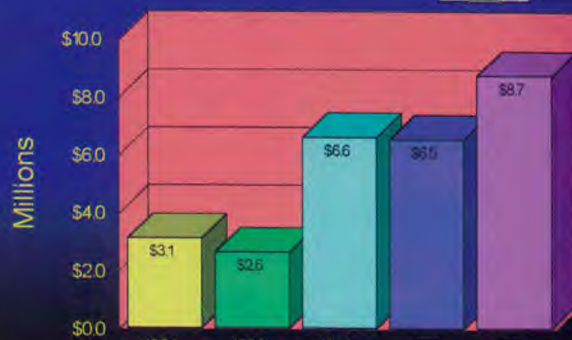
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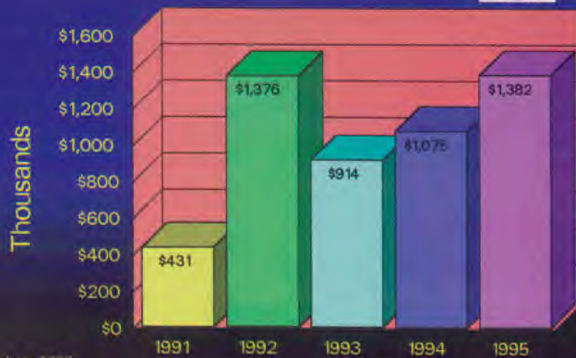
Revolving Fund

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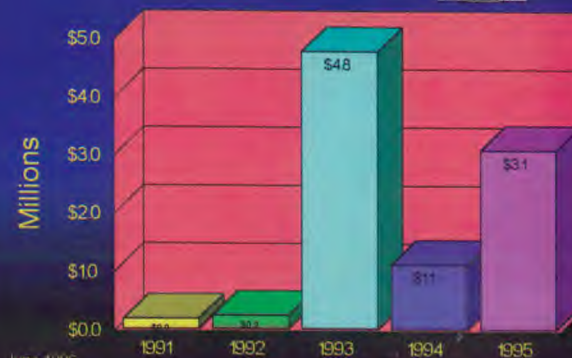
FUNDS TO THE CHURCH THROUGH TRUST SERVICES



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Revolving Fund

New Loans



June 1996

From the PARL Department

Karnik Doukmetzian



"The condition upon which God hath given us liberty is eternal vigilance." It was with this statement that an Irish judge welcomed the new Lord Mayor of Dublin on his inauguration in 1790. Now just over 200 years later this statement comes ringing back louder than ever.

The last five years have seen our watchfulness stretched to new heights. From increased involvement at all levels of courts on behalf of members, to increased difficulties suffered by our members who in choosing to stand for conscience, are faced with the loss of livelihood either by being forced to work on Sabbath or join a labour union, to assisting others not of our faith when their religious freedoms are being challenged. Through it all, attempts to achieve accommodations have been overshadowed by the constant objective of using this method of witness before this country's political and judicial leaders.

It was 1985 when Steve Renaud was denied the right to practice his religion as his conscience dictated and was required to work on Sabbath. As a result of standing firm to his religious convictions, he was terminated from his employment. Steve was ably represented by Karen Scott, a young Adventist lawyer in British Columbia as appeals followed through the various court levels culminating at the Supreme Court of Canada. The SDA Church in Canada, through the generous contributions of its members to the annual religious liberty offering, assisted Mr. Renaud by providing the funding to take the case through the various court levels in order to obtain a precedent for our members and others who might be discriminated against.

When the matter arrived at the Supreme Court of Canada, the SDA Church in Canada also intervened to pre-

sent argument. After hearing the argument, a unanimous Supreme Court stated in clear and precise terms that an employee's religious beliefs must be accommodated and this accommodation must be made by both the employer and the labour union. This precedent-setting case which took eight years to complete, was the first time the highest court in the land had reached such a conclusion.

This case was an original, in that three Seventh-day Adventist lawyers presented various aspects of this case to the Supreme Court of Canada. The ranks of our Adventist lawyers across the country is growing rapidly. From Newfoundland to British Columbia Seventh-day Adventist men and women can be found practising in the field of law and sharing their faith in their own unique way. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been at the forefront these past few years in establishing the law as it relates to accommodation in the workplace. Accommodations have been entrenched not only for Adventists but for all others. Your church was there. In Saskatchewan again with involvement on the part of one of our members, the Court of Appeal in that province clarified the role of union membership and the religious exemption clause. All of these interventions were funded by the generous contributions on the part of members, and also by our Adventist lawyers virtually donating their time and expertise in taking these cases forward.

Part of the hallmark of our denomination is that we not only become involved in struggles involving our own members but also in defence of the freedoms of others. The Church has also intervened on behalf of others when their religious freedoms were threatened. Whether it be the Jehovah's Witness who is fighting for "custody and visitation rights", a Catholic who wishes to be exempted from "labour

union membership", or a member of the World Wide Church of God who wishes to "have his religious beliefs and practices accommodated" in his place of employment. While we do not necessarily agree with their religious beliefs, we nevertheless have an obligation to ensure accommodation for the religious beliefs of all God's children not just when it affects us. President Truman once said, "if we do nothing to protect the freedoms of individuals with whom we may not always agree, we endanger our own."

As we look forward to the future, we know that we cannot rest on the laurels of our successes. More challenges will arise. The law of accommodation is clearly established but weekly, our members are being challenged to stand for their conscience as employers demand Saturday work or threaten termination. Labour union activism is on the rise even as more and more of our members come to the realization that exemptions are needed from membership. We also know that on the religious front the guideposts signal our soon coming Saviour. We are all cognizant that the day is coming when the defence of freedom of religion and our ability to worship as our conscience dictates will not be obtained at any price due to the united efforts of certain religious groups in trampling our rights of conscience. As Judge Curran stated to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, "the condition upon which God hath given us liberty is eternal vigilance", now more than ever.

The past quinquennium also saw the departure from the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ranks, of a number of individuals who have contributed greatly to the defence of religious freedom on behalf of individuals across Canada. Alfred Lennox and George Hermans from opposite ends of the country retired. Karen Scott who spent a number of years

representing individuals before various tribunals and labour boards was asked to share her expertise and assist the members of the Pacific Union as the associate PARL director for the Union. As our torchbearers leave, others rise to take up the challenge. Gerry Chipeur continues to hold the torch high in Alberta as has Keith Juriansz in Ontario. Both of these individuals in busy law practices have given of their time and expertise as volunteer PARL directors in their respective conferences to assist members who are having difficulties related to employment, labour unions or other accommodations. In British Columbia, Frank McMiller has taken the torch from Alf Lennox to carry it high and fill the great gap resulting from his retirement.

From the Trust Services Department

Karnik Doukmetzian

The past five years for the Trust Service work in Canada have been an exciting time, a time which saw the establishment of Canadian standards for certification of our trust services employees and accreditation of our entities, a time when giving to the Church through Trust Services set new highs, and a time when recognition of the Trust Services program was achieved in other denominational circles.

The recognition on the part of members that giving to God's cause should not only be a current event, and that because of their desire to bestow such gifts during their final asset disposition at the time of their death has resulted in a significant increase in funds received by the Church. The Trust Services departments across this Union in their contribution to this aspect of the church's program, have played a great role in assisting church members in the planning process of their estate planning and remembering the work of the Church.

As a result, the trust service work in our conferences across Canada has gained recognition as a valuable asset as a resource for our members and also in helping to build a strong financial resource for the conferences. To enhance our membership, we have put in place Canadian education and trained trust officers in almost every conference to assist

church members with their estate planning needs and the arrangement of their financial affairs.

With this recognition and reliance by Conferences in the trust work, there was a growing demand for individuals professionally trained who with the proper tools would be an added asset to our Church members across the country. Thus began the work of completing a Canadian version of the Trust Services Manual and Forms. This reference work has been instrumental in the education of our Canadian trust services employees across the country, and in assisting them to better serve the field in performing their responsibilities. The Manual, based on the precedent prepared by the General Conference Trust Services Department was rewritten with Canadian content and law.

In addition to providing materials, there was a need to effectively educate individuals in Canadian estate planning and trust work by equipping them with the knowledge and information to be effective aids to our Church members. In January of 1991 there were four Canadian church employees who were certified by the General Conference Certification and Accreditation Committee as having completed the rigorous standards demanded for certification as a trust officer. Their training and course work was based solely on content of the U.S. course offered by the General Conference. Since 1992, under the auspices of the General Conference, a Canadian version of the training course has been offered and recognition has been granted to Canadian certificated personnel. Since that time, a total of 24 individuals have successfully completed the Canadian Trust Services Certification Course and are serving in various capacities across the country.

One of the other requirements of the General Conference Trust Services department is that all church entities involved in the provision of trust services be accredited. This requirement along with the certification of personnel ensures that the various programs are being presented by qualified people who have attained the high standards established for this area of work. At the beginning of this quinquennium, there were no Canadian entities which had been accredited by the committee. An accreditation program was implemented in Canada and auditors were trained to effectively conduct audits ensuring compliance with the required

standards which would result in gaining our church members' confidence that indeed the trust programs operated by our Canadian entities meet and comply with the standards set.

With the increased training and involvement of trust officers, donations to the programs of the church have increased over 30% from the amounts received during the last quinquennium, reaching a total of \$5,178,000.00 over the past 5 year period. In the last 15 years over 12 million dollars have been donated to the Church through wills and bequests. This represents a tremendous contribution to the work and assists greatly in the furtherance of spreading the gospel.

The development of the trust services program including the certification and accreditation of our employees and entities in Canada has also resulted in unprecedented recognition from other Canadian charities including the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, an umbrella group of over 100 Christian charities who have adapted our Canadian Trust Services Manual for use in their trust services training program. In addition, they have duplicated the General Conference certification and accreditation standards and guidelines for use by the charities under their auspices. Widespread recognition has been given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the advanced level of our trust work and it is upheld as a model for all charities to follow.

We have learned from hard lessons over the past of the necessity for us to establish policies to govern our trust and investment operations. While we should be proud of the fact that we are recognized as a model for other charities, we should never forget that constant vigilance is the price which we must pay in order to maintain that excellence, recognition and trust.

Our plans for the future include obtaining accreditation for all of our entities including our academic institutions and other organizations involved in trust services. But even with all the training and education in place the work and efforts of individuals will not prosper unless there are individuals who as faithful stewards of the assets entrusted them, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have chosen to remember the work of the church in the final disposition of their assets

From the Education Department

Janice Saliba



During a quinquennium, changes occur in personnel, in finances, in organizational structure and in ambience. For this office, the term, which is in its final stages, has been nothing short of continual change, much like riding the waves. The hope, the excitement, the apprehension and anxiety, as the wave swells and begins to roll, is sometimes paralleled by exhilaration, relief and a feeling of success as it crests and disappears. Then there are those times when the winds change and mounting the waves, as they come crashing down, is an experience of disillusionment and anguish. It is, indeed, by God's grace, that the successes achieved during the quinquennium are those that will continue to make a difference in the educational work, not only in Canada, but in the Division as well.

During the Fall of 1991:

- an Education Council consisting of all superintendents, associates, senior academy principals, some junior academy and elementary principals, and representatives from our College was established. This group represents the largest segment of Church workers in Canada. They began, in sub-committees to design policies and guidelines for our work with children and youth in our schools—our first experience.
- in Saskatoon, about fifty people attended the Alternative Financial Strategies workshop. This product of Project Affirmation provides suggestions and methods of fund-raising that continue to be used.
- a study Commission for the Quebec Conference was designed to serve as an advisory to the Executive Committee regarding education, schools and programs there.

- the evaluation and accreditation cycle of schools and teachers was transferred to computer programs and regular print-outs began.
- the group of NAD educators, responsible for curriculum development was hosted in Victoria.

In 1992:

- the finances for adding a Master's degree in School Administration were put in place. There would ultimately be three Master's degree programs from La Sierra at CUC, for our teachers. These programs, as well as continual up-grading are still offered at minimal cost to every teacher.
- a workshop for all small school, multi-grade teachers was convened in Oshawa—another first. Teachers from all the eastern provinces attended and the costs shared, so they could benefit from the use of new materials and ideas.
- the joint financing of the Journal of Adventist Education to every teacher was put in place.
- NAD educators were hosted in Calgary.

In 1993:

- the NAD working Policy included the Education Code and Canada had the opportunity to be represented.
- the Certification Requirements booklet, with benefit of Canadian involvement, was re-published.
- recognition of our La Sierra Master's degree candidates by this office, was initiated—service and reception at C.U.C.
- two major financial changes occurred—for the first time in Canada:
- the K-12 Education budget was published for the Education Council and the K-12 Board, then submitted for approval to the Board of Directors.

- formulas for the reversion of funds to the Conferences, K.C. and P.A.A. were designed, acknowledged and published.
- sixteen of our senior academy principals attended the Association of SDA School Administrators hosted by NAD—a first for us.

In 1994:

- our Education Code was put on disc, printed and piloted.
- we offered a selection of Canadian content reading to NAD for their publication of Gateways—a reading guide for grades K-10 in all NAD schools.
- thirteen of our academy Bible teachers and principals attended the Principals/Bible teachers convention at La Sierra—another first.
- course offerings for the third Master's degree—Educational Administration began through La Sierra at C.U.C.

In 1995:

- ninety secondary teachers attended the first ever Secondary Teachers Convention sponsored jointly by NAD, four other Unions and Canada. It was a historic event, and we were there!
- Although these were the major activities during the quinquennium, the routine administration of the program has continued.
- a schedule of school evaluations is published and for the first time, this spring, we will have 100% of our schools denominationally accredited.
- now, approximately 82% of our teachers are denominationally certificated, compared to 57% in '91.
- our current enrollment is 4,295 compared to 3,785 in 1991.
- we continue to have representation at NAD curriculum meetings. Twenty-five

of our teachers participated in NAD Workshops, during the quinquennium. This involvement continues to be necessary in sensitizing our U.S. leadership to our distinct society status.

- we have continued to provide our schools and churches with Education day packages every spring.
- we have placed in the hands of educational leadership current up-dates of materials and publications from the Division, with Canadian input, so that we function in closer harmony as a system throughout the Division.
- we continue to provide financial assistance to all our teachers for up-grading, and twice annually, print-outs of their professional status.

In addition to defining the educational system for the Union, the Office of Education has become a resource centre for sermons, seminars, workshops and retreats in the areas of Sabbath School, Singles and Women's Ministries. During '94 and '95, a total of twenty-two weekend workshops and seminars have been conducted from the office. This may well be considered a move in the new direction of a systems approach to education.

As we face the end of this quinquennium, it is important to remember the conclusions of the studies done consecutively by Minder, Epperson and Rice: generally, the graduate of an Adventist academy may be expected to:

- retain Adventist Church membership
- attend church
- pay tithe
- practice the traditional lifestyle
- hold Church office, and
- seek employment in Church institutions.

Our children and youth comprise the heart of our Church and are an invaluable investment. Through a team of conference administrators, this office has defined the Adventist system of education, K-12, for the Church in Canada, and now, at the end of the quinquennium, we thank God for good health, good success and a few good men.

Canadian Union College

Victor Fitch



God's promises provide encouragement and hope. Amid a world blighted by sin, with tragedies on every hand, we can still thank God for His promises and blessings. God is behind His promises. "His promises will be fulfilled. They have never failed; they can never fail." SC111

This report reviews the operations of Canadian Union College for the past quinquennium. Even though the events of the fraud in 1994-1995, and its aftermath during 1995-1996, we can still say God has been with us. Hence the theme of this report is "God Has Blessed".

Due to the fraud the 1994-1995 financial year had to be completely redone. An audited statement for 1994-1995 is not yet available. The financial portion of this report will be available for the session.

God Has Blessed In Academic Programming

For many years Canadian Union College sought degree granting status. On 5 September 1991, the Government of Alberta approved three three-year Bachelor of Arts degree programs in English, Music, and Religious Studies.

Since that time the following additional degree programs have received approval. Bachelor of Arts (four-year) degree in Behavioral Science, English, Music, and Religious Studies; the Bachelor of Business Administration (four-year) degree; the Bachelor of Science (four-year) degree in Biology; the Physical Education, and Psychology; and the Bachelor of Science (three-year) degree in Biology and General Studies. The college offers two-year diploma programs in Adventure Based Counseling, Business in Outdoor Pursuits and Native Ministries. Canadian Union College still has a partnership campus agreement with Union

College and offers a Bachelor degree in Elementary and Secondary Education.

God Has Blessed With Enrollment Increase

During the five-year period of this quinquennium, the enrollment increased from 275 to 401 students. This represents an increase of 45.8%. In terms of full-time-equivalency during this period, the increase is 40.6%.

God Has Blessed In Student Service Opportunities

Student Services provides opportunities for students to participate in a variety of service opportunities. During this report period some of these activities include:

- ADRA Projects: 10-15 students have gone each year on 7 week mission trips to countries including: the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Nepal.
- RUSSIA: Students have been involved in evangelism.
- YOUTH MISSION OUTINGS: Between 20 and 30 students have been involved in building projects in Mexico.
- FOOD BANK DRIVES: Each year students are involved in food bank drives in two towns.
- PRISON MINISTRIES: Students visit a federal prison each month.
- STUDENT MISSIONARY/TASK FORCE WORKERS: During this period 85 students have participated in mission service.

God Has Blessed In College Development

The College Development Department

is responsible for raising funds for capital projects, scholarships and student aid. There has been a steady increase in voluntary contributions over the last five years. Voluntary gifts amounted to \$483,857, \$733,656, \$844,886, \$1,587,412 and \$1,042,373 respectively for this period. Abrupt differences in the amounts are due to large donations for special projects.

Among the projects completed during the Quinquennial are:

- Chan Shun Science Centre: Construction began in June of 1993 and was completed a year later. The official opening of this 3.4 million dollar facility was held on 25 September 1994. Major donors for this project were The Chan Foundation of Canada, Clarence and Ruby Lindgren, Howard and Judy Gimbel, and the SDA Church in Canada.
- Non-Dormitory Housing: Fifteen 2 and 3 bedroom apartments were constructed.
- Chapel Renovation: Renovation of the chapel began in June 1995. Alumni and friends have been encouraged to contribute toward the purchase of new seating.
- Campus Plant Master Plan: A campus master plan was developed by an Edmonton architectural firm and funded by The Chan Foundation of Canada.
- Landscape Master Plan: A landscape master plan was developed by an Edmonton firm and funded by anonymous donors. The donors also paid for landscaping, curbing, and paving on campus.

Canadian Union College says thank you to alumni, friends, and constituency members for their moral, spiritual, and financial support. Each gift has been gratefully received.

God Will Bless

The faculty, staff and administration have renewed their commitment to God and Adventist higher education. By uniting our efforts, and cooperating with the Holy Spirit, God will bless His college.

Students, faculty, staff and administration, say thank you for your support in the past and for your continuing support during the next quinquennium.

ADRA Canada

*Ilsa Mercer
Acting Director*



Love in Action

*Alicia Homer,
Communications Coordinator*

Clear, cold water gushes out of the pump as the sari-clad woman bends over her steel bucket. Giggling children hover just beyond the concrete platform, anxious to avoid an unnecessary bath.

It is sunset in the village of Tallo Kutal, nestled in the steep hills of the Nepali highlands, and shadows rapidly blanket the small homes and terraced gardens. Isolated from the noise and turmoil of the modern world, Tallo Kutal seems frozen in another century—there is no electricity here, no televisions or telephones, no cars or automatic garage door openers. It is peacefully idyllic, tucked away in a mountain paradise.

But isolated idylls have their drawbacks. There are no doctors here, no 911 emergency line, no clean water, no toilets, and no ambulances to whisk a desperately ill child to a clean, sanitized hospital. The nearest medical facility is an hour away, up a steep mountain path, accessible only on foot. The lack of basic services that Westerners often take for granted is not only inconvenient; it can be deadly.

Forty-four percent of childhood deaths in Nepal are diarrhea-related, and compared to Canadian children, Nepali children are fourteen times more likely to die before reaching their fifth birthday. These tragic statistics are directly linked to the lack of clean water and adequate sanitation facilities—simple, basic services that can help save lives.

Now, thanks to the new ADRA water system, clean water is available from sturdy pumps installed within metres of every home. Each house has its own outdoor toilet, and a large reservoir tank catches run off and rain water to irrigate

crops during the scorching dry season. Life is still simple and peaceful in Tallo Kutal, but it is no longer so dangerous.

The Dhulikhel Water and Sanitation Project is just one of the 139 long-term community development projects that the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Canada has funded in the past five years. Since 1991, ADRA Canada has expanded its work to include 18 new countries, and has supported over \$14 million dollars worth of programs, including both community development and disaster relief. Five years ago, ADRA Canada had a program valued at \$1.9 million; today, ADRA Canada's budget has almost doubled to approximately \$3.5 million a year. It is hard to believe that in 1977, the ADRA Canada program began with a modest \$17,440 soybean project in India.

A grant for the soybean project from the government of Alberta in 1977 started ADRA Canada on its mission to serve people in need around the world, and this mission has captured the imagination and commitment of thousands of Canadians who support ADRA's work. Since its beginnings, ADRA has followed the commission of Christ in Matthew 25 to demonstrate our Christian love by reaching out to those in need. Love shared is love multiplied, and the ADRA program has grown immeasurably, not only since its inception almost twenty years ago, but certainly since the last Quinquennial Session of the SDA Church in Canada in 1991.

Over the past five years, ADRA Canada has experienced a period of tremendous growth and change, and the ADRA program has expanded to include several exciting new components. One of ADRA's priorities has been to develop strong partnerships, not only with the various ADRA offices worldwide, but

also with other development agencies, both in Canada and overseas.

The Canada-Cambodia Development Program, headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, has become one of ADRA Canada's most recent partners. Beginning with a public health training program which was started in 1992, ADRA and CCDP have worked together to assist the people of Cambodia. Most recently, ADRA and CCDP implemented a water and sanitation project which provided five hundred sanitation facilities to ten rural villages.

In addition to CCDP, ADRA Canada has continued to work closely with other Canadian partners, such as WaterCan and Partnership Africa-Canada. With assistance from WaterCan, ADRA Canada has supported six sustainable water and sanitation projects in four countries since 1991. Assistance from Partnership Africa-Canada in 1993 enabled ADRA Canada to work closely with a small indigenous community development agency in Somaliland, SOMAID, to help the communities of the war-affected region to start rebuilding their lives after a terrible civil war.

The needs of thousands of people affected by war, famine, and other natural disasters have strengthened ADRA Canada's partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank over the past few years. Together, ADRA and the Foodgrains Bank have sent thousands of tons of urgently needed food supplies to some of the most needy regions of the world. Last year alone, ADRA and the Foodgrains Bank sent over 860 metric tons of food to Albania, Iraq, and Rwanda, valued at \$509,863. In 1996, the Foodgrains Bank-ADRA Canada partnership is continuing with shipments planned for Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Iraq.

In Canada, the ADRA Canada program has continued to grow with a couple of significant new challenges. In 1993, the SDA Church in Canada gave approval for ADRA Canada to manage the church's annual fundraising appeal. The new ADRA Annual Appeal, formerly known as Ingathering, has been in place for three years now, gathering support across the country. In 1995, the ADRA Annual Appeal raised over \$655,000, with forty-six percent allocated for projects overseas, and fifty-four percent allocated for a disaster contingency fund and for community services projects in Canada.

Canadian community services pro-

gramming is another area where ADRA Canada is becoming more strongly involved. In 1993, the SDA Church in Canada voted to place Canadian Adventist community services programs, including disaster preparedness and refugees, under the direction of ADRA Canada. Working together with the various Canadian conferences to develop strategies and policies for an effective domestic program is proving to be one of ADRA's greatest challenges. The first ADRA Community Services workshop on Disaster Preparedness is being held this spring in British Columbia, and the ADRA Canada staff and the various community services leaders across the country are looking forward to working with the new ADRA Associate Director for Domestic Programs.

ADRA Canada's new domestic program is just one of the many challenges and opportunities that the ADRA staff have accepted over the past few years. Faith, a commitment to the ADRA mission, and a resolve to serve others according to God's call are what motivate the staff and volunteers of ADRA Canada every day.

Back in Tallo Kutal, the sun has slipped below the mountain ridge, and a night chill has settled in the air. The woman lifts the heavy bucket unto her shoulder and picks her way down the steep trail, children scampering behind her. She doesn't know about the many other water projects that ADRA funds every year, or the ten thousand other people that ADRA offices worldwide help every day. She only knows that this year, her family has clean water to drink. Her eight-month old son is nestled in a clean, freshly washed blanket, and her three year old daughter is healthy and free of waterborne diseases.

The work of ADRA touches countless lives every day, every year. The large number of projects and even greater sums of money are amazing and thrilling. However, the real mission of ADRA is to reach people, to touch people's lives, and to show them Christ's love. The woman in Tallo Kutal may not know about all the other ADRA projects around the world, but she knows about the ADRA water project in her village, and she knows that it is there today because somebody cared enough to help.

... "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 40

Adventist Media Centre

Henry Feyerabend



The Canadian Adventist Media Centre operates at 95 Clarence Biesenthal Drive in Oshawa. There are presently three ministries involved: The Voice of Prophecy, LifeStyle Magazine and It Is Written. A small staff does the fund-raising, accounting, receipting, programming, and takes care of the correspondence. The Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast as well as the LifeStyle Magazine telecast are recorded at the Adventist Media Center in California, and Canada uses the same programs that are used in the United States. The Canadian It Is Written telecast is recorded by a Canadian team, and the pulpit is shared by Mark Finley and Henry Feyerabend.

With host, Dan Matthews, LifeStyle Magazine is seen on Tuesday mornings on the Vision network. This telecast has a unique appeal, reaching many people who would not ordinarily watch a religious telecast. In one week in September of 1995, they taped an amazing 32 LifeStyle Magazine programs. Just to show how effective these quality spirit-filled programs are, the Nielsen ratings for the program's New York City slot placed this telecast in first place. Industry specialists are stunned to see that more people chose to watch a Seventh-day Adventist program than even NBC's "Sunday Today." Of all the television sets turned on in New York city, 14% were tuned to LifeStyle Magazine. Many impressive letters from across Canada express deep appreciation for the messages presented on this telecast.

The Voice of Prophecy, with Lonnie Melashenko as host and speaker, is heard on approximately 80 stations across Canada. Twenty-four of these stations carry the daily broadcast five days a week. Pastor Melashenko and his team of writers are creating innovative new programs, on current issues. To avoid re-runs, they have recently produced fifty-two new half-hour shows and 225 hot-out-of-the-computer daily 15 minute programs.

In 1993 The Voice of Prophecy in Brazil celebrated its 50th anniversary. At that time a gigantic thrust in that large country was jointly carried on by the U.S. and Brazilian teams. More than 20,000 people were baptized. In 1996, Target 50,000 has involved many Canadians as they contributed with funds and evangelists for the giant thrust in the Philippines.

The largest Bible Correspondence School in the world, with millions of students was founded by Fordyce Detamor in 1942. Now, state-of-the-art Bible lessons, like New Life and Discover are effectively instructing students across Canada. The Discover lessons will prepare hundreds of students across Canada for Net '96. At the present time we have 1,272 students enrolled in the Bible correspondence course in Canada.

In 1991 the It Is Written and Destiny telecasts merged. At that time the total yearly donations amounted to \$439,980.00. In 1995 the total donations for It Is Written were \$1,102,826.00. In 1991 It Is Written was seen only on the Vision network. Today the telecast covers Canada from coast to coast on a number of major stations and networks covering approximately 1665 cities and towns. In the past two years a number of on-location programs from places like Moscow, Brazil, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland have given the telecast a new look. Since these programs began, the responses have escalated to about 400% of what they previously had been.

Adventist Broadcasts have penetrated the national consciousness in Canada to a degree not achieved in the United States. By actual government survey more than one third of all Canadians recognize It Is Written. In the U.S. by Gallup poll or its equivalent that number is about 18%. Given the small number of Adventists in Canada compared to the total population, these results are exceptional.

Media Centre evangelists have been involved in a number of successful evangelistic thrusts in Canada. Leo Schreven

and Dan Benzinger from the U.S. Media Center have had several outstanding crusades and Mark Fox and Henry Feyerabend from the Canadian Media Centre have conducted evangelistic

thrusts in a number of cities in Canada.

The Canadian Adventist Media Centre played a major part in the planning and organization of Net '95. Net '96 promises to be much more effective.

North York Branson Hospital Report

by Jack Gallop,
President and Chief Executive Officer,
North York Branson Hospital



The early '90s have seen continued development at North York Branson Hospital. Now, half way through the hospital's 38th year, it is good to reflect on recent developments at Canada's only Seventh-day Adventist acute care general hospital.

During Branson's early years the hospital served a community of young, growing families. As the hospital has grown older, so has the community around it. Today, North York Branson Hospital serves a population that has the highest percentage of residents over age 65 of any hospital in Metropolitan Toronto. As the surrounding population aged, the health care needs of the community changed as well. So the hospital, in order to meet those needs, changed too.

Approximately three years ago the hospital board approved major renovations to a significant portion of the in-patient facility. Floors designed to meet the needs of our service population in the 1960's were now inappropriate for the large number of senior citizens served by the hospital in the 1990's.

A campaign to raise \$2,000,000. from the local community for renovations and a new CT Scanner was initiated. That campaign raised over \$2,100,000. by the summer of 1995 and was considered a resounding success. Hospital Director of Development, Alex Ramsay, was gratified by the tremendous support from the hospital's service community and for the

leadership provided by our Campaign Committee Chairman, Mr. Bert Raphael, Q.C., a prominent Jewish lawyer.

Today, North York Branson Hospital has an outstanding physical plant which meets the needs of its elderly community extremely well. We have one of the most up-to-date CT Scanners in the city.

A new library was opened in the summer of 1995 which accommodates ongoing research by staff and students. One section is dedicated to publications of interest to the general public who are welcome to use the hospital library.

New cardiac monitors have been installed in appropriate locations throughout the hospital at a cost of some \$800,000.

A previously vacant area of the hospital has been renovated to accommodate a new clinic for diagnosis and treatment of gastro-intestinal diseases.

In 1994 a world-wide evaluation of 1,121 laboratories was performed. North York Branson's clinical chemistry laboratory placed 4th in North America and 9th world-wide; an outstanding accomplishment and a credit to the management and staff of that diagnostic facility.

In the summer of 1995 North York Branson Hospital was surveyed by the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation. The team of three expert hospital surveyors from the Council were most complimentary regarding the perceived commitment to quality care at Branson and the spirit of teamwork that

exists between members of the patient care team made up of physicians, nurses, therapists, technologists, support staff and volunteers.

On December 17, 1994, Mr. James Bruce, who had served with distinction as hospital president for 16 years retired, having spent a total of 34 years in service at the hospital. The new hospital library was named in his honour.

In spite of the many positive elements that make up North York Branson Hospital, the board, administration and staff were shocked on September 29, 1995 to learn that Branson was one of 12 Metropolitan Toronto hospitals which had been named for merger or closure by the Restructuring Committee of the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council. Branson was slated for merger with the York Finch General Hospital, approximately 7 kilometers west of Branson. The recommendation calls for Branson to become an Ambulatory Care Centre with no Emergency or In-patient beds.

Since the announcement, which has yet to be acted on by government, the surrounding community has been extremely active protesting the loss of in-patient and emergency facilities and by early December had presented the Minister of Health with 55,000 signatures protesting the recommendation. A Gala evening was sponsored by a local businessman which netted over \$63,000 for the "Save Branson" campaign.

On October 27th a huge rally took place in the hospital parking lot supported by 2-3,000 local residents. Many influential speakers shared the podium that day including Mr. Mel Lastman, Mayor of the City of North York, Mr. Monte Kwinter, local MPP; Mr. Art Eggleton, Federal Member of Parliament; Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; and Elder Orville Parchment, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. This outpouring of support from the community has been a source of great encouragement for the hospital staff during this difficult period.

The future of our hospital is somewhat clouded at the moment. We ask that the church across Canada will pray that the Board and Administration will be given wisdom and courage to appropriately address the issues now facing the church's only acute care facility in Canada.

Women's Ministry Department

Jean Parchment



Over the last five years, Women's Ministry in the Canadian Union has seen steady growth and development. To date, every conference and the Newfoundland Mission has in place an appointed Women's Ministry Director.

Many churches, in keeping with the recommendation made by the North American Division, has a Women's Ministry Coordinator appointed by the board. In many churches, the Women's Ministry Coordinator is also on the church board.

The focus of Women's Ministry remains the same—women ministering to women—meeting their spiritual, emotional and social needs. Women's Ministry in this Union has endeavoured to do so as is portrayed by the statistical report. In addition to the statistical report, which is centered primarily on weekend retreats and programs, numerous ongoing activities

such as training programs, prayer breakfasts, support groups, Bible study groups and many other activities are being conducted on an ongoing basis.

While we rejoice over the success of this ministry and its effectiveness in bringing women, men and families to a closer understanding of God's love, we pause to pay tribute to two women whose love for Women's Ministry was evident by their dedication and commitment to the program.

Raydene Lehmann, Women's Ministry Director for the Maritime Conference, was laid to rest on July 15, 1995. Vickie Kantor, Women's Ministry Coordinator for the St. Thomas Church in Ontario, was laid to rest February 14, 1996.

We mourn the loss of both of our sisters and we are eagerly anticipating the day when we will meet them again.

Statistical Report for Women's Ministry 1991 - 1995

Year	Number of Retreats	Number of SDA Women Attending	Number of non-SDA Women Attending	Number of Baptisms	Reclaimed Members
1991	3	833		1	15
1992	5	650	5	3	
1993	7	925	19	1	2
1994	10	986	53	1	5
1995	12	1246	70	2	4
Totals	37	4640	147	8	26

"Women of Spirit"



From the Department of Coordinated Ministries

John Howard

Report by Claude Sabot

At the last Quinquennial Session, Gerry Karst was elected Director of Coordinated Ministries, Claude Sabot, as Associate Director. When Gerry Karst was called to the General Conference, Claude Sabot was elected to the position of Coordinated Ministries Director. On March 3, 1996, John Howard was elected as the new Coordinated Ministries Director.

Currently, the Coordinated Ministries department consists of the following departments: Children's, Pathfinder, Adventurers, Youth, Young Adult Ministries, Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Stewardship, Health and Temperance, Family Life, Prison Ministries, Native Work, and Global Mission, including our designated sister union, the Ukrainian Union.

Youth

At the last Quinquennial Session of the SDACC, the delegates voted to make youth the primary focus for the next five years.

In 1992, a new project was organized by the Union, at Camp Hope in British Columbia, called Canadian Adventist Youth to Youth. The primary goal of this project is to encourage our youth to be drug-free and to have our youth promote a drug-free lifestyle to their peers. Other goals of the Youth to Youth Conference are:

1. To help youth to feel good about their church.
2. To show that the church is a safe place for youth.
3. To train youth to be leaders—not for the future, but for today.

We had 250 youth at our first Canadian Youth to Youth Conference. The second

Youth to Youth Conference was held in Ontario at Kingsway College in 1994. The third was held in Alberta at the Foothill's Camp in 1995, and the fourth was held in Ontario at the New Frenda Camp in 1995.

The other major project organized by the Union for youth was the Canadian Youth for Ukraine. The concept was to send young people to evangelize in Ukraine, our Global Mission sister union. During the day, our youth taught English classes and made many friendships with the Ukrainian people. In the evenings, they organized four crusades that ran six days a week. One crusade was for children, with 350 attending; two crusades were for adults, conducted by a Canadian pastor; and the fourth crusade was a youth crusade, conducted each evening by a different CYU member. The results, from that first Canadian Youth for the Ukraine project in the summer of 1993, were the baptism of 350 new believers in Zaparozhe and the organization of two new churches. We had a similar experience in the summer of 1994.

From September of 1994 to August of 1995, seven of our youth stayed in Zaparozhe, Ukraine. They taught English, held Bible studies, assisted with youth meetings and at the end of their term in Ukraine assisted with a major crusade. In January, 1996, five young people opened a new language school in Karchov, Ukraine. They will complete their term in August of 1996. The Canadian Youth for Ukraine project has been a blessing to the Ukrainian people, but an even greater blessing to the Canadian youth who participated.

Personal Ministries

A big step has been made in the ingathering program, now called ADRA Annual

Appeal. The ADRA Annual Appeal is now an ADRA project assisted by the Conference Personal Ministry Director. The money solicited is distributed as follows: 46% ADRA Canada overseas projects; 9% (4.5% salary for the director of ADRA domestic work, 4.5% seed money for government matching funds); 1% disaster preparedness; 44% to the conferences. The 44% reversion will no longer be sent to the churches. Churches will send project proposals to the Conference Project Review Committee. That committee will then allocate funds to those

John Howard, Director of Coordinated Ministries

At the March, 1996 meeting of the SDA Church in Canada Board of Directors, it was voted to ask John Howard to serve as the Director of Coordinated Ministries. Included under Coordinated Ministries are the following departments: Children's Ministries, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Youth Ministries, Young Adult Ministry, Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, Stewardship, Health and Temperance, Family Life, Native Ministries and Global Mission.

John formerly served as the Executive Director of ADRA Canada. The name of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has become familiar to many due to the good work achieved by ADRA Canada under John's direction.

We welcome John to the Coordinated Ministries Department of the SDA Church in Canada.

churches whose projects have been approved. The Government requires that 80% of the money collected must be used in the following year.

ADRA Canada has been asked to undertake the refugee program and to prepare a working policy that will improve that operation.

Health

1997 is Health and Temperance year. Calgary has been chosen to host a pilot program that will use our health message as an evangelism tool. Please pray for this new program.

visit about 8,000 blind individuals annually

- Hospital and Nursing Home services provide patients with educational and inspirational materials. If patients cannot hold books, cassettes are available to them.
- Deaf Services—limited services available.

Field Operations

Canada has 11 full time and 6 part time representatives who contact the blind, visually and physically impaired persons explaining and demonstrating the free services of CRS and other agencies. They educate the public on how to meet the needs of the blind, deaf and others with disabilities as well as receive contributions from donors to support the general services.

Facts At A Glance (1993-1995)

Clients visited: 20,400

Bible services distributed: 55,100

Other services requested: 68,300

Prayers offered: over 4,000

Bible Correspondence School
Students: almost 500

Baptisms: 5 (as a direct result of services)

96% of the clients receiving services are non SDA

The dream was born in 1899—the dream is alive and well in Canada—but the time is short—the work is great!

*"He made the
blind to see
and the deaf to
hear."*

From Christian Record Services

Pat Page



Nearly a century ago, a 27-year-old blind man had a dream—a dream of sharing the Advent message with others who were blind. In 1899—with General Conference support—Austin O. Wilson was able to publish a braille truth-filled journal called *The Christian Record* using a converted washing machine wringer for a press. The *Christian Record* magazine remains the longest continuously published inspirational braille journal in the world.

For 97 years Christian Record Services (CRS) has been working to fulfil the words of Isaiah 29:18 to tens of thousands of blind and deaf people—resulting in an abundant harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

Because of Wilson's vision—the dream continues today...

Christian Record Services, Inc. (CRS) formerly Christian Record Braille Foundation, has been a General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church institution since its inception. In the late 1940's CRS began its work in Canada under the Societies Act of British Columbia. In 1990, Christian Record Services, Inc. was federally incorporated in Canada and the national office was established in Oshawa, Ontario.

Mission

The mission of Christian Record is to develop, produce and distribute free

Christian publications and services that help meet the educational, recreational, social and inspirational needs of the blind and visually impaired and physically impaired regardless of race, creed, economic status or gender. Our goals are to discover undeveloped potential, increase self-confidence, improve mental and physical vigour and foster an appreciation for God's love in our clients.

Free Services

- Ten magazines in braille, in large print and audio cassettes.
- A lending library circulates more than 1,400 book titles including Bibles, E.G. White books and other inspiring authors, in braille, large print and on audio cassettes.
- Full-Vision Books—a combination of print and braille for easy interaction between the blind and sighted.
- Bible correspondence school—Bible study guides available in braille, in large print, on audio cassette and in easy English for the deaf.
- National Camps for the Blind—approximately 250 blind campers attend annually
- Personal visitation
- Scholarships—post secondary
- Personal Visitation—representatives



French Work Report

Claude Sabot

At the last Quinquennial Session it was voted to focus on the French work, and more specifically, to focus on opening new territory. Since that time, the Union has funded the opening of three new territories where there had not previously been an Adventist presence.

The first new territory is in the north part of New Brunswick. We started with Pastor Rob Robichaud and his family. He was later joined by two literature evangelists. Today, we have members in Edmundson, St. Anne, and Grand Falls. An SDA church has been built in St. Anne with a seating capacity of 250 and has almost been completely paid for.

The second territory, again in an area without Adventist members, is the Caraquet Peninsula in New Brunswick. We sent Lisebye Luchmun to start the work there. Rita Lauze later joined her to assist her with this challenging task. They met with much resistance from the two

main churches in the area. Today, however, they have a strong church with a nucleus of 17 baptized members. This church has recently started a monthly newsletter in French. It is sent to area residents and has already created some interest.

Currently, both of these new churches are totally operated by the Maritime Conference. In Moncton, the Maritime Conference has opened another new French church. Not many years ago, there were no French churches in the Maritime Conference—today they have three. To God be the glory!

The third attempt was in Winnipeg. There are 125,000 French-speaking people in the area. The Union helped the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference finance a French project in Winnipeg. Although the work in this area is in its infancy, by God's grace we hope to reach many with the good news of salvation.



KC Band Hits New Orleans

Congratulations to the Kingsway College Band for a successful 1996 Spring Break Tour. New Orleans was the main destination for this year's tour which also saw stops in Cincinnati, Hattiesburg, Atlanta, Philadelphia and points in between from March 7-17. While tours always offer a gruelling performance schedule the band members did manage to squeeze in some "southern experiences". This included a tour of the French Quarter and parade floats at Mardi Gras world, a cruise along the Mississippi River, a tour of a Louisiana bayou, meeting Clyde the pig, and various other attractions along the way.

Certainly band tours are not for those who plan to be bored. In fact even during times of long bus rides it provides opportunity to get just a little closer to friends both new and old. Kingsway students were also impressed by the hospitality shared by strangers. As one band member put it, "God gave us a gift and it is our duty to share that gift with others. Our band was not the only one touching hearts. We were on a two-way street. People from each church opened their hearts to us, fed us, and gave us a place to sleep. We experienced kindness that we will never forget. We represent God in all that we do and we should remember to be just like Him."

Kim Janes

Judge Me Not

by Dan J. Handysides

*Oh, dreadful thought that all my life a record has been kept,
In perfect detail all its measures weighted and checked,
And I live on, and as I live and breathe and grasp each fleeting moment,
That great and fearful record carries on.
To think that all my deeds are thus recorded,
My evil ways, my wrath, and shame revealed,
That all my thoughts, my words, and hidden passions,
Are open to the Judge who knoweth all—
Where is my righteousness? and where abouts my goodness?
Nay, as the publican of old I call:—
"LORD, LORD, Have Mercy thus upon me and wipe away my SIN, my record vile
And judge me not—O my Redeemer, My RIGHTEOUSNESS, My GOODNESS,
And My ALL.*

Some Call Them "Greedy Geezers"

Yes, that's the expression that some have used for our elderly, with specific reference to the health-care costs they rack up as they age year after year. "Greedy Geezers." And it's not just in America. In nations the globe over questions are posed, like "How can we pay for the growing numbers of elderly in our midst?" Or "Is the growing surge of sixty-five-and-overs draining our resources and filching opportunities from our children and grandchildren?"

And as usual, questions like these are easy to pose but persuasive answers are routinely elusive.

For instance, some experts insist that the elderly don't cost all that much, even when we consider our oftentimes futile efforts to safeguard their health. Then there's the faction that announces, "We've got to ration health care for our elderly—it's costing way too much to die." Or, "We ought to deny expensive health care when granddaddies and nannies push into the eighties." But then, toe-to-toe, another posse of planners assert that rationing health care for the elderly won't release all those health-care dollars anyway.

Who's right? Both sides can't be dealing in absolutes.

As usual, you can count on your Healthwise column to tell it as it is. Fact: It isn't so much the acute care for the elderly that escalates the costs. No, it's the chronic care, the long-term care in nursing homes. Long-term care for Alzheimer's disease alone runs probably \$100 billion a year.

Remember the "one-hoss shay"? The carriage was made so well, so uniformly, so perfectly, that it didn't wear out wheel by wheel or axle by axle. No. When its time came, it simply collapsed into a pile of wood and iron dust. So if it were possible, that's how it ought to be for humans. We should strive to live so well that when



the time has come (whether it be at 65 or 105), all the organs simply quit at once. There would be no more cigarette-emphysema, with the lungs giving out while the rest of the body bravely limps along, doing its best to keep up. There'd be no more alcoholic liver. And you could forget the inexorable heart decay (as in coronary atherosclerosis) caused by fat and cholesterol excesses in the foods we love to eat.

So then, can we teach ourselves how to age equally all over, so that when we go, we simply go? Without the expense of years in a nursing home? Yes, it's just possible.

For instance, we can demonstrate that elderly women and aged men (in their nineties) who have been bedfast can walk again simply by performing exercises for 20 minutes at a time two or three times a week. That's an extraordinary discovery!

Another—it has become common knowledge that we can deter osteoporosis, that bone-loss scourge that results in thousands of fractured hips (and spines) and expensive long-term care.

It's all part of the growing art of gerontology, the science of "bringing up the elderly and seeing them through" (as inexpensively as possible) and delivering them gently into the hands of their Maker.

Legal Notice

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth General Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada will be held at Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ontario from Friday, June 21, 1996 to Sunday, June 23, 1996. The first meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 21, 1996.

The Meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past five 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 conference or mission shall be entitled to two (2) delegates without regard to conference membership and one (1) additional delegate for each four hundred (400) church members or major fraction thereof. Such delegates shall be chosen by the respective local conference or mission Board of Directors.

O. Parchment, President
C. Sabot, Secretary

The Latest on Net'96

The telecast originating from Orlando, Florida, October 5-November 9, will be seen by people in an expected 2,000 churches in North America.

Added to the churches in North America, are 1,000 churches using English, Spanish and French languages in the Inter-American Division.

Two hundred Spanish and Portuguese speaking churches in the South American Division are expected to be on line. Net'96 will also be carried to at least 300 more congregations of the Euro-Africa and Trans-European Divisions using the German and Romanian languages. This makes a total of six different languages for Net'96 in Europe.

When Our Hearts Burn Within Us

Martin Feldbush

"Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us on the road...?" Luke 24:32. This description of an encounter with Jesus by Cleopas and his friend is a telling one. It is just after Jesus has walked with them on the road to Emmaus, depicting Him as a companion who cared, walking through the valley of the shadow with them. This story introduces the metaphor of companion as a description of all who care for others. To me it is an especially apt illustration of the work of the nearly 250 Seventh-day Adventist ministers who serve as chaplains in the North American Division.

Come With Me...

These men and women, serving in campus, correctional, healthcare and military settings, daily walk beside persons who are at some point of crisis or decision in their lives. I wish you could come with me to the facilities where they serve and witness the touch of Jesus through them. In fact, do come with me...

We are in the intensive care unit of Toronto's Branson Hospital with Chaplain Howard Homenchuk. "At Branson, we touch the deepest issues of people's lives—facing death, grief, faith, forgiveness, reconciliation, fear, and hope. With hospitalization comes anxiety over diagnosis, disruptions and concerns over life, family and work, and confrontation over life-threatening diseases. We bring assistance to patients and families with their re-evaluation of priorities; a search for meaning; a refocus on their spiritual part of life; and the spiritual resources in God that offer them faith, comfort, strength, and hope.

"On my office wall is a symbolic reminder of my position as chaplain—it is Monet's painting of a bridge over a pond of lilies. I serve as a bridge to another person, connecting human/spiritual needs with God towards the goal of spiritual healing and restoration."

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering

June 8, 1996

Come cross the picket line with Gloria Joshua, chaplain at Southwestern Regional Centre at Blenheim, Ontario during a strike and see everyone standing at attention reverently as a funeral procession moves slowly forward. "Larry, a resident, crossed the picket line with his family to go and spend the weekend with them. Just after they left he had a sudden heart attack and they had to turn around to bring him back. He died later. Imagine the shock to everyone: family, residents, staff, picketers. This is where the Chaplain helps them through the shock to the reality of the funeral. An opportunity to begin healing through the grief process. A time to talk, a time to listen, to cry, as we all work together in putting the funeral service together, and then find comfort and strength to continue life's journey.

"We not only cry but also laugh together for many of the residents have lived here for 35 years and this has become their home. During that time Chapel services and programs have been a vital part of

their lives. It gives them hope. Hope of new bodies and new minds one day when Jesus comes, because the residents here, you see, are both physically and mentally challenged. The chaplain has become a part of the life of the Centre not only to preach, sing and pray but to participate in the major programs as well as the day to day visiting. It is then that we really get to know the residents and their needs. It is then that prayer becomes more meaningful. We are thankful to the Government for realizing the importance of including the spiritual aspect of the residents' needs, together with the physical, mental and social needs. We are thankful to God for calling ministers to respond to these specialized challenges of ministry. We who respond and are trained for these unique challenges are your chaplains!"

A Special Offering

To help support the ministry of chaplains in the field, the North American Division will receive the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering on June 8 this year. Formerly known as the Servicemen's Fund Offering, this endeavor still supplies literature for enlisted military personnel. It has been expanded, however, to provide witnessing literature for the ministry of our chaplains in places like those above. It is a special offering since your gifts send a message of hope into fox holes, hospital wards, classrooms, death rows and a variety of settings where often the church could not otherwise witness.

Remember June 8, the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering. Through your generous gift enlisted military personnel and chaplains in all institutional settings will be ministered unto and equipped for ministry to others. Both they and you will be a companion to someone in need.

Remember June 8!

CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE

CUC Says Goodbye to its Biggest Graduating Class Ever

Loney Ziakris

On Sunday, April 28 one journey came to an end while another one began for the 111 students graduating from Canadian Union College; gone are the nights spent without sleep, cramming for the big test or exam. Gone are the pizza deliveries at 2 a.m., the Saturday nights spent with the books instead of a date. Yes, those days will soon be nothing more than a fuzzy memory.

The road that lies ahead promises its own challenges, triumphs and hardships but as our newest graduating class leaves here it is the wish of the College that they do so with the confidence that they are well-prepared and that they have acquired knowledge, friends and a relationship with their Creator that will serve them well in this lifetime and beyond.

Canadian Union College wishes the Graduating Class of 1996 all of God's richest blessings as they leave our campus and spread their wings in a world so desperate for men and women of character and vision. As we listen to some of them reflect on their time at CUC, we congratulate and thank all graduates for allowing us to be a part of their lives.



"When I decided to go back to college, after a three year absence, I was a little worried. After all, I was now married, out of practice for school, however, I realized that CUC

was a place for all kinds of people. I was welcomed right in and soon found myself involved in all sorts of activities. Over the past two years, I have developed some very close friendships with fellow students and faculty." Michelle Northam, Elementary Education.

"The academic education I received at CUC was excellent, but it's the little details that make life here memorable: a friend buying me a rose on Valentine's



Day; a 12-hour cooking marathon sharing Indian and German recipes; midnight debates about God, life and men; a professor's challenge to question my beliefs and make religion a personal experience. Looking back at the details I realize that God led me to CUC, an institution that made me grow in ways that I had never expected." Christine Napoleon, English

"CUC has been a real experience for me. It's not just a college but rather a training ground for life. The small number of students gave me a chance to get to know my classmates and teachers. There is a lot of opportunity to lead out in the college activities and I've really grown by getting involved. CUC is special to me for the education I've received, the people I've worked with and the friendships I've made." Cecilia David, Psychology



"After spending four years here, it almost feels like I should stay here forever. There were times, like exam weeks, that I thought I may have to take up permanent residence on the hilltop, but now I am about to get kicked out of here to get a life! That is really fine with me. I feel prepared to face the 'real world.' And with the friends I have made here standing behind me, I think the real world might not be so bad!" Kim Sulzle, Secondary Education, Biology

"CUC has been a blast! It has truly been a blessing for me to study at CUC; I have been given opportunity to grow as a person, through challenging classes, great teachers and incredible opportunities for Christian service. As well, the friends made here are ones that I plan to keep for an eternity." David Schwinghammer, Religious Studies (Pre-Ministry)



Alumni Homecoming June 7-9, 1996

Weekend Events

Friday, June 7

- 4:00 p.m. Registration-Alumni Centre in the new strip mall
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet-Cafeteria
- 8:30 p.m. Vespers-College Heights Church

Sabbath, June 8

- 9:15 a.m. Sabbath School-College Heights Church
- High School Class of 1971
- 10:40 a.m. Church Service-College Heights Church
- Lee Gugliotto, pastor of the College Heights SDA
- Church
- 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner-College Heights Adventist Junior Academy Gym
- 2:30 p.m. Class Pictures and Reunions
- 4:30 p.m. Seminars
- 7:30 p.m. Music Meditations-College Heights Church
- 8:15 p.m. Awards and Recognition Service-CUC Chapel

Sunday, June 9

- 9:00 a.m. Committee of 100 Brunch and Meeting-Cafeteria
- 11:00 a.m. Golf Tournament-River Bend Golf Course, Red Deer
- 11:30 a.m. Slow-pitch Ball Tournament (co-ed)

Honour Classes: 1946 and earlier, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991

Welcome-All graduates, attendees and friends of Canadian Union College and Parkview Adventist Academy. For more information contact:

Alumni Office
Canadian Union College
235 College Avenue
College Heights, AB T4L 2E5
(403) 782-3381, ext. 302

Like the Leaves of Autumn

The phone rang, "Is the Revelation Seminar sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church?" asked the caller. "It surely is," was my response. "Good," the voice on the other end of the line replied. "I wish to financially support this program, please will you give me an address to which these funds may be forwarded?"

Wow! was my mental response and my mind went blank, "What is the church's postal box number?" I asked myself. Then my caller was back on line, "Say, why don't I just bring the monies around to your house, be much easier, what's your address?" he asked. "That would be fine," I responded and complied with his request. "But, why not bring your donation yourself to the seminar tonight," I suggested. "No," was the caller's quick reply, "I am not a church going person. I'll bring the money to your house," he concluded.

At this juncture my composure had returned, together with a multitude of questions. Who was this person? What is his background? Why is he supporting the Revelation Seminar?

I reiterated that it was fine for him to come to our home at his convenience and continued our conversation by asking, "would you mind telling me how you first became acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists?" There was a slight pause on the line, then the voice said so softly, "Oh, it was many years ago, over 40 years ago in Montreal. It was there that I met a retired Seventh-day Adventist missionary and she taught me the Bible lessons. This lady taught me the Bible truth, the Seventh-day Adventist truth and it is the truth."

My caller continued, "I believe and live according to that truth, keep the Sabbath, as best I know how, but I'm not a church going person, a little of me goes a long way, a little is enough for even my family, so big crowds are not for me." He closed the conversation saying that he would be by shortly to see me.

It was about 30 minutes later that our door bell rang, my caller stood in the doorway. "Come in, come in," I said and he did come in, although he appeared somewhat apprehensive. He handed me a bundle of rolled up notes amounting to \$260, saying that this money was to help pay for the hall rental for the Revelation Seminar. Our guest asked how long the seminar was being run, we stated we had booked the hall through the middle of December. "Oh, in that case, I'll give you next month's tithe as well." He went on to explain that he normally gave his tithe to the Gideons, but felt he should support the Revelation Seminar at this time.

"We wish to give you a receipt for this money, would you please give us your name and address," I asked our guest. "A receipt is not necessary," he responded quietly, "but you may have my name and address if you wish," and he complied with our request.

My wife had been baking and as we talked she brought from the kitchen a newly baked loaf of bread. "Would you like to have a loaf of whole wheat bread?" she asked our guest. His eyes lit up, "Oh thank you." He seemed touched by the gesture.

We concluded our visit thanking our visitor for his support and reaffirming our desire to continue our relationship. We wished our new friend a fond farewell as he left.

As I sat sometime later that afternoon quietly reading and frequently contemplating the events that had just transpired, I looked out of the window and saw our new friend walking pensively up the driveway. "Come in," I said as I opened the door. My new friend had something in his hand. He handed me a booklet and asked, "Do you know the author?" I looked at the booklet and read on the title page, J.N. Loughborough. "Yes, I certainly do," was my response. "Then you know," he continued, "he was a contemporary of Ellen G. White. This lit-

tle booklet was given me," continued my friend, "by the retired missionary 40 plus years ago in Montreal and it means a great deal to me. I just took it from my Treasure Chest. As you can see it brings tears to my eyes just to think about this booklet, now I want you to have it to read."

I turned to my new friend and told him that this very old, little booklet is indeed priceless and that I did not know how to thank him. He said to read it, (which I have), then keep it or pass it on (which I have also done).

Our Seventh-day Adventist pioneers frequently stated that the printed word would cover this earth like Leaves of Autumn. This tract is entitled: *Questions on the Sealing Message* by J.N. Loughborough. It was printed in 1916 but its message will never grow old.

Arthur E. Cannon, Sooke, BC.

Ladies' Campout

June 7, 8, 9

Sicamous, B.C.

"A Weekend from the 50's"

Guest Speaker

Dorothy Watts

\$40.00 includes meals

Pre register before May 31,
by contacting

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Missing Members Barriere Church

Can you help us find: Theresa Cheser, Christopher Long, Petrina Long or Frederick McLeod?

Contact: Pastor Steve Yaceyko,
2517 Sandalwood Drive,
Kamloops, BC V2B 6V3.

Vegetarian Cooking School-Powell River

Sabbath evening March 9, 1996 the church assembly room was full of friends, family, and church members for the vegetarian cooking school graduation. Thirteen individuals graduated from a six session cooking school. The graduation banquet was provided by the students. Each student prepared and brought a dish based on what they had learned in class. Donna Dunning taught the classes assisted by Pastor Ernie Dunning. All students accepted the first number of the Discover Bible Guides at the conclusion of the course. Many are continuing to study weekly and we are praying for a rich harvest of souls.

Baptism at Powell River



March 2, 1996 was a joyous day for the Powell River Church members as Joel Nicholson was baptized and joined the church family. Joel was baptized by his grandfather, Pastor Ernie Dunning.

Scholarship Awarded



Rocky Hamilton a 1995 graduate of PAA received a \$10,000 scholarship from Columbia Union College. He will study music with the New England Youth Ensemble and other music groups. Rocky plays trumpet. He was encouraged by his teachers to whom he is very grateful. Congratulations.

Baptism at Conception Bay South Church



Matthew Picco accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and was baptized by Pastor Jacob Hiebert. We would like to joyfully welcome Matthew into our fellowship. Matthew has already shown an interest in the Youth program and Community Services. Our prayers are with you, Matthew, as you continue to lead out in the Lord's work.

New Pastor

Newfoundland welcomes the Maier family who are working in the Lethbridge-Bonavista district. Dan's faithful visitation program is resulting in

many more people attending both churches. The Maiers have organized a children's choir with children from the community. Sheny is conducting cooking classes for the ladies of the church and community.

Pastor Dan Maier is a graduate of Andrews University and his wife, Sheny, has her M.D. degree from Vale Del Bravo Medical School in Mexico.

May God bless this dedicated couple as they serve in Lethbridge and Bonavista



Pastor Dan, Sheny, Moses and Michelle

St-Georges Church Inaugurated



On March 30, 1996, a new church was inaugurated in St-Georges. Former members and friends came to the celebration. Pastor Pierre Zita, together with Quebec Conference representatives, Elders Georges Hermans and Yves Colas, officiated during the special service. The new church building can seat over one hundred people.

The Alberta Conference Welcomes the Kongorskis



On February 11, 1996, Elder Dale Kongorski was elected president of the Alberta Conference. He comes to us from the British Columbia Conference where he has served as Executive Secretary and Sabbath School director for the last four and a half years. Elder Kongorski is not new to church leadership and administration. Before coming to the BC Conference, he served briefly in Peru, South America as director and treasurer of ADRA; education and youth director in the Alaska Conference; principal and business manager of an Adventist academy in Arkansas; and education director/executive secretary for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Dale and his wife Janean have four grown children. They will move to Alberta in the month of May after Elder Kongorski returns from a trip to the Philippines where he is currently participating in an extensive Voice of Prophecy evangelistic outreach in that country.

Let's continue to pray for the Kongorskis as they prepare to give leadership in Alberta.

Sherwood Park Baptism



On December 30, 1995 the Sherwood Park church was happy to welcome two new members. Pastor Jim Burgess had the privilege of baptizing Cindy Lalonde, daughter of Jim and Sabena, and Laura Westphall, daughter of Tom and Diane. Each candidate gave a testimony of their love for Jesus and what He has done in their lives.

Announcement

You Are Invited To Attend:

Native



Camp Meeting

May 30-June 2, 1996
at Foothills Camp, Bowden, Alberta

For more information or to register call: Ed Desjarlais
(403) 782-3975, Lacombe, Alberta

Health Fair for Hispanics

On Saturday March 16 the Spanish community of Edmonton was blessed with the Hispanic Health Fair. This event was organized by the Health and Temperance Department of the Spanish Church. Diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure screening were the main services provided. Also, sampling of vegetarian dishes, as well as videos related to heart disease and stroke prevention were

enjoyed. All the members participated with great enthusiasm making this event a success.

As one can see, the Lord is opening doors to spread the message of health reform. CKER 101.9 FM Multicultural Radio has offered the opportunity to present a health talk to the Spanish community every week.



From left to right: Dr. Powell, E. Kiehlbauch LPN (retired), G. Quintanilla R.N., N. Alborno R.N., V. Dribnenki R.N., and D.Silva U of A student.

A New Way to Serve the Community

Find a need and fill it. With this rather simple principle, the Peoria-Smoky SDA church discovered new and exciting ways to serve the surrounding community. With plans to participate in the NET '96 evangelistic crusade this fall, the church was looking for ways to create community awareness and find interests.

While most churches would have opted to run a cooking school or Stop Smoking program, Peoria-Smoky chose to break new ground and run an Introduction to Computers program. In rural locations, many people feel they are being left behind in this information age. Community colleges are too far away and opportunities to learn new things are few.

With computers rented from a local retailer, classes were held twice a week for two weeks. Demand for the class exceeded the number of computers available, so a second class was added on alternate evenings.

Students who completed the course were by no means certified computer experts, but all felt that they had overcome some of the intimidation faced by this technology.

Following the computer course, a one day Emergency First Aid course was conducted at the church. Again, community members had a chance to make use of the Church facilities in a friendly, no-pressure environment.

Grant Missenegers

Unusual Visitor



The Sabbath worship service at Edmonton Central on February 10, 1996 was conducted by an unexpected visitor, namely Elijah. He spoke of his journey into depression after the Mount Carmel experience and contrasted this

with when he was on God's journey. He spoke of the miracles of the ravens and of the widow. Then God told him to return for He had more work for him to do. He stressed to the congregation that even when we go through depression, God is still there watching over us.

Pineridge Baptisms



Left to right: Pastor Will James, Gaylene James, Raj and Neraj Auluck with their son, Carli Ward, Sara Khem, Latoya Lewis, Ron Schlender, Shelly Arthur, Pat Koller, Harley Little Light, Jeremy Satnik and Valdimir Schulakov.

In the fall of 1995 the Calgary Seventh-day Adventist churches hosted the Revelation Seminars held by Leo and Tammy Schreven. Hundreds attended the captivating series. The highlight was 26 baptisms at the Pineridge Church alone.

These pictures are from two baptisms occurring on November 25, 1995 and December 16, 1995. Several of those baptized joined us from the Revelation Seminars. We welcome all of them to our church family.

Sisters Baptized



The Lacombe SDA Community Church and family and friends rejoiced as they witnessed the baptism of Desiree Radcliffe on December 23, 1995.

Pastor and Mrs. Emilio Gomez and family from Ganado, Arizona came up so Pastor Gomez could baptize her. The Buffalo Lake Gospel Singers from Lac LaBiche, Alta. came also and made her baptism special by singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "Help Me Stand Lord"—two of Desiree's favourite songs. "I would like to say a special thank-you to Pastor Leo Schreven," says Desiree. "His testimony turned my life around." Desiree's sister, Christie was also baptized by Pastor Gomez in June of 1994.

Young Poetess



Danelle Grovet, a grade two student at Merna S.D.A. School, is a finalist in the national poetry contest and her poem will be published in a book of verse. Congratulations!

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Melfort Church Dedicated

"I build an house to the name of the Lord... to dedicate it to Him." And this is what happened at the Melfort S.D.A. Church last November. It was a beautiful ceremony with the sermon by L. Carney, music by F. McMiller and S. Godsoe and lesson study by D. Godsoe. The history of the church portrayed the providence of God enabling the members to purchase the church building. Pastor Ron Teranski organized the event and says that thanks go to the Lord Who made the day possible.

Brantford Baptisms

On December 30, 1995, the Brantford Church rejoiced when three of their young people were baptized. They are-Sarah Pink, the eldest daughter of David and Patricia Pink who have been faithful members since they accepted the truth after the Fox crusade; Nathaniel Hernandez, the eldest son of Eric and Sandra Hernandez; and grandson of Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Juriansz; and Justin Grummett who is the eldest son of Maryanne Wisdom. Justin attended Church School and Sarah and Nathan are still in attendance at the Grand Valley Adventist Academy.

Frederick Osborn was also baptized at this time. Fred is the husband of Helen Osborn and she has been a member of the Brantford Church for over ten years. Gently and quietly Helen has witnessed and was very happy when Fred told her that he wanted to join her and become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When Helen invited Pastor Juriansz to study with Fred and prepare him for baptism, it brought great joy to the Church because another family was now united.

The Brantford and Paris Churches have been active in their evangelistic outreach. A Crusade was conducted in the North Park Collegiate and Vocational School by Pastor Pagie Isaac assisted by Pastor Ralph Juriansz, Pastor Marino Romito and Mrs. Elizabeth Rossen. Several people were baptized. Josephine Sharp, who celebrated her 90th birthday was the eldest and Laura Doan who is fourteen was the youngest. Also baptized were Annette Featherston and her daughter Susan Featherstone, Joseph Aquilina, Barbara Feijo and William Jamieson.



Jason Hernandez, Sarah Pink, Justin Grummett with Pastor Ralph Juriansz.

Mathew Olten was rebaptized

Simcoe Camp Meeting

May 24 & 25, 1996

Speaker: Kurt Cao

Friday May 24 7:00 p.m.

Sabbath May 25 11:00 a.m.

7:30 pm

Special Musical Program

Sabbath May 25 3:00 p.m.

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful parks in the Simcoe area.

For more info call (519) 428-3281.

Evangelistic Meetings

Ottawa, Ontario

May 25-June 29

with

Evangelist Mark Fox

Please send names of your relatives and friends in the area to

Pastor Vaudré Jacques

852 Clearcrest Cres.

Orleans, Ont. K4A 3G1

Telephone (613) 834-9261



Laura Doan and Bill Jamieson.

Maranatha '96 Held in North Toronto



The notion that "the successful expansion of any movement is in direct proportion to its success in mobilization and occupying its total membership in the constant propagation of its beliefs" (R K Strachan), is the inspiration behind the Maranatha programme of Ontario Conference. Maranatha '96 of March 8-10 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel Toronto North was memorable and inspirational for over 400 delegates. One of the highlights of the weekend was the Spirit-filled message of Dr. E.E. Cleveland, former Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference. Presently he teaches in the Religion Department at Oakwood College.

The 1,000 plus worshippers on Sabbath morning will long remember Dr. Cleveland's message: "God in The Mean-while," as he unpacked the riches contained in 1 Kings 18:45, 46. Certainly, the rain of the Holy Spirit will finish the work of God through us.



Annett and Susan Featherstone, Barbara Feijo, Elizabeth Rossen. Back row-Pastor Romito, Jo Aquilina, Matthew Olten and Fred Osborn (inset).

BULLETIN BOARD

OBITUARIES

FLAIG—Audrey (nee Cole) passed away on March 20, 1996 in Cranbrook, B.C. following a short illness. She was born in Fort McLeod, Alberta on June 2, 1912.

After her marriage to Jacob David Flaig they finally settled in Creston, B.C. Following retirement from a teaching career in Creston, she became a member of the Creston SDA Church. To the time of her death, Audrey demonstrated an unwavering allegiance to her church, and a steadfast faith in the return of her Lord.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob, and one granddaughter, Janice. Left to mourn are: one son, David; five daughters: Jacquie, Kathy, Audrey, Nadine, and Donna; fourteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pastor John W. Popowich conducted the memorial service in the Creston SDA Church. Pastor Frank Owens assisted. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Erickson, B.C.

KANTYMER—S. was born on February 16, 1911 at Starbuck, Manitoba and died in Detroit, Michigan on January 9, 1996. He leaves his wife, Shirley and four sons: Kenneth, Robert, Douglas and David; six grandchildren; five sisters and five brothers, nieces and nephews. He was laid to rest in Saskatchewan until the resurrection.

LINK—Mrs. Margaret (nee Elias) Link of St. Albert, Alberta, died suddenly on February 20, 1996. Born December 4, 1932 at Aberdeen Saskatchewan, she later worked at Rest Haven Sanitarium and while there embraced the Seventh-day Adventist message.

She married Erich Link and they operated a business in Westlock, Alberta for 25 years. After her husband's death she lived at Morinville, Alberta.

She leaves to mourn her children: Dave, Sylvia Newman and Marti Aaserude. Also left are three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were conducted on February 25 at the Westlock Funeral Home by Henry Bartsch and Olger Aaserude.

MCGEEN—William in his 77th year, was laid to rest December 22, 1995. A loving member of the Windsor, Ontario Church, was born in Ingonish, Cape Breton. Bill is survived by his wife Melina (nee King); sons William Edward Jr., Ted and Jack and several grandchildren and one brother. Mr. McGeen was very involved in the building of the Windsor SDA Church, Camp Pugwash dining hall and lodge, Barnsville Church School in New Brunswick and Calgary Central Church.

PRICE—Mary was born on November 27, 1895, in Victor, Colorado. Mary Price succumbed to cancer on February 15, 1996. A tireless worker, the tiny lady regretted having to retire early at 89. The head of six generations, she has seen all her descendants, except for those born since 1990. Surviving her are her daughter Billie Davis, son John Newkirk and daughter Bernice Wilkins.

Mary was a member of the Pentecost Seventh-day Adventist Church. Donations in her memory can be made to the Pentecost church.

SMITH—Sidney Llewellyn was born July 15, 1921 at Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan. He was baptized in 1943 and was an active member of the church for the remainder of his life. In 1943 he married Marian Gogol and they have made farming their vocation. He was also in the construction and logging business. Llewellyn died March 7, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 51 years; sons Garry and Wayne; two brothers and many friends. Pastor Don Johnson presided at the funeral service.

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MPYISI—Shema Ojio was born December 8, 1995, to proud parents Edson and Katherine of Burnaby, B.C.

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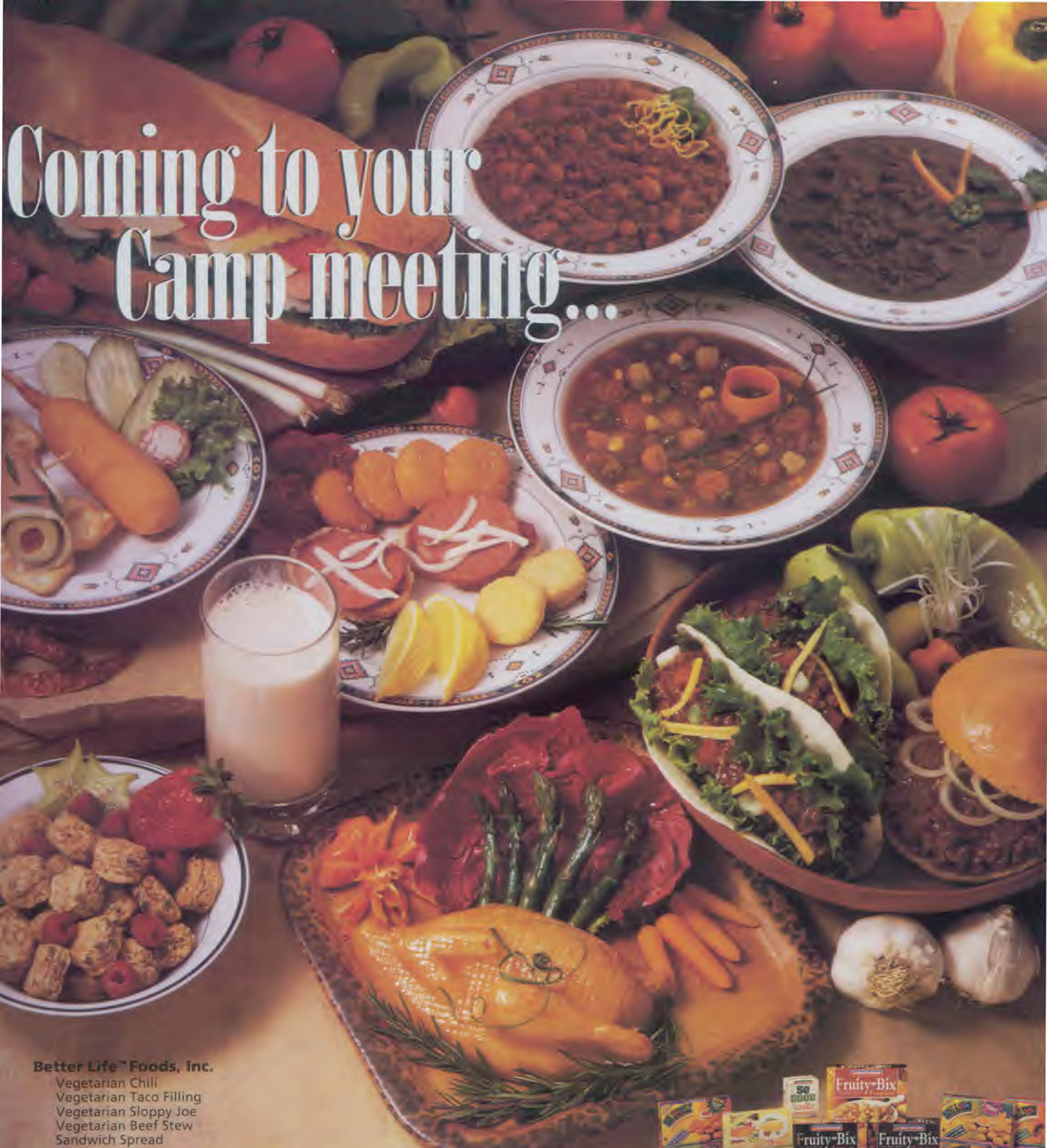
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