

# eREPORT

A digital publication brought to you by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Greetings! In this issue: Door-to-Door Visits; St. John's Community Services; St. John's Community Services Refurbishment; Corner Brook Snowfall; Re-Opening Update; Testimonies of LiNC Worship Service; ABC Food Orders; Treasury Report...

## Door-to-Door Visits

Submitted By: Pastor Ken Corkum

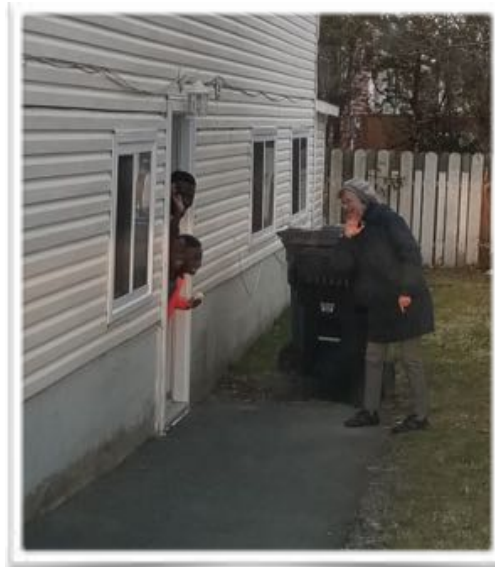
Across the Island, church family and friends can be seen talking through the windows, driving by and waving, leaving freshly baked pies on the doorsteps, and other creative ways to be connected.

For Pastors and Children's leaders, it is no different, trying to think of creative ways to stay in contact with our membership and students. Sending out lesson studies and updates online or door-to-door.

One of our Sabbath School teachers, Celeste Corkum, has been faithfully visiting her Sabbath School class each Sabbath evening. Come evening, Pastor Ken and Mrs. Corkum pack up their car and drive around to visit her eight juniors and provide them with next week's Sabbath School lesson.

Pastor Ken is the willing driver of the 1 1/2 hour tour each Sabbath. Two of the visits are pictured in the article, one for Shiann and the second for Kofo & Kwadwo. The weekly visits give Mrs. Corkum a moment to interact with the families and tell the juniors she saw them on the ZOOM church meeting in the morning. Dropping by the Junior families has become a weekly anticipation and joy during this time of separation.

Thank you, Mrs. Corkum, for your dedication to your Junior Sabbath School Class.



## St. John's Community Services

Submitted By: Trudy Morgan Cole

If everything had been normal, Sunday, May 17, 2020, would mark the fifth anniversary of the St. John's church soup kitchen program. Since 2015, this program has provided hot meals to about 20 - 40 people in need, twice a month. However, as awareness of the COVID-19 virus and the need to take precautions spread through our province in early March 2020, we realized we could not safely continue having volunteers cook and serve hot meals. Our last Sunday soup meal was March 1. By mid-March, we were exploring other ways to serve people in our community amid the COVID-19 crisis.

The pandemic has led to more people being out of work, most hot-meal programs and some regular food banks closing, and physical distancing regulations making it more difficult for people to access supermarkets. In this situation, the need for home delivery of food hampers appeared to be a niche our church could fill. We were able to get the program started thanks to a generous grant from ADRA Canada, as well as funding from the SDA Church in Newfoundland and Labrador. We have also received in-kind donations of food from the Community Food Sharing Association, and a grant from Community Food Centres Canada.

On Sunday, April 19, we began a weekly delivery of food hampers to people in need. In the first four weeks of the program, we had given 58 food hampers to 38 different individuals or families. We are careful to use physical distancing and sanitizing precautions in preparing the hampers, and the deliveries are contact-free to people's doorsteps.



Trudy Morgan-Cole preparing food hampers



Pastor Jamie Joseph getting ready to delivery a food hamper



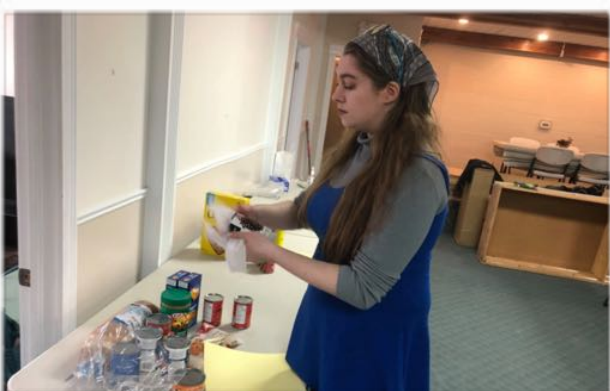
With church services and regular programs cancelled, the basement of the St. John's church has been turned into a temporary food bank.

Requests come in by phone or email. Church volunteers fill the requests and make up hampers, and more volunteers show up on Sunday to deliver the food. The people who call us for help include residents of the church's lower-income neighbourhood, some of whom have attended our soup kitchen in the past. We also serve people with disabilities and single parents, who find it hard to get out to stores or food banks under the current circumstances.

We have received many messages of thanks from folks who are grateful for this service. When requests come by phone, our phone volunteer Margaret Moore can talk with people about what they need and has even been asked to pray with a caller on the line. She notes that many people are feeling isolated right now and are grateful just for a friendly voice to chat with. Meeting people's needs in this way truly is a ministry.



Margaret Moore takes phone calls from people in need of food



Emma Cole getting food ready to pack for delivery



Jenny and Jayden Purcell with a car full of groceries to deliver

Our food hamper program is connected with the province's 811 food hotline managed by Food First NL, through which people in need can call and find out about food banks, hot meal programs, and food hamper services near them. People in the center city area who need a food hamper delivery can be referred to our church's program.

We are grateful to ADRA, the Community Food Sharing Association, Community Food Centres Canada, the SDA Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, and especially to our St. John's church board and Pastor Jamie Joseph for their wholehearted support of this outreach. Most importantly, we are thankful for the many church members who have volunteered to make this program a reality.

At a time when so many people in our communities are experiencing poverty, isolation, and food insecurity, it's a privilege and a blessing to be the hands and feet of Jesus in such a practical way.

Trudy & Jason Cole

Community Service Leaders, St. John's SDA Church

## St. John's Community Services Refurbishment

Submitted By: Pastor Ken Corkum

Trudy and Jason Cole have been faithfully serving in the community service department. Pastor Ken Corkum submitted this photo last week as he caught them redoing their community service room. He says, "Last week I found Trudy & Jason Cole at work renovating the Community Service room to increase the capacity for storing goods for the weekly food service to St. John's clients. We need to be available to do the Lord's work, especially during these times when so many are in need." Thank you, Trudy and Jason, and the other volunteers for your service and hard work! May God continue to bless your tasks for Him.



## Corner Brook Snowfall

Submitted By: Lawrence and Diane Burns, Ministry Coordinators



This was the scene Thursday night, May 7, in Corner Brook. Come dawn, Friday morning, further snowfall had made it a winter wonderland. Even under these not-very-spring-like conditions, the robins and white-throated sparrows (both migratory) were singing their sweet songs. Perhaps God's little creatures are teaching us a lesson about responding to adverse conditions and circumstances that we didn't plan on...

If you have a submission for the eREPORT, please email [kharushimana@nladventist.ca](mailto:kharushimana@nladventist.ca).

## Re-Opening Update

Submitted By: Pastor Ken Corkum

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic Government Guidelines, and the need for planning, the regularly scheduled summer Camp Meeting and Youth Camps have been canceled. However, this doesn't mean there won't be efforts to share in fellowship and children's programs.

Many people are wondering when the churches will reopen; right now, there has been no talk of that happening. Until we reach a Level 1 nothing will be able to be ultimately "normal." However, according to our provincial COVID-19 page <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19>, these are when we could open churches and camp:

### WOODY ACRES SUMMER PROGRAMS

At a level 3 Recreational Activities:

Campsites are permitted to open for day use only, with restrictions on public spaces.

Summer day camps can operate, with restrictions.

When we reach this level, we could have the possibility of having day camp programs. There would be guidelines and restrictions in which we would have to follow.

### REOPENING CHURCH

At a level 2 Public Spaces and Gatherings:

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Expansion of the size of gatherings to be determined.

Places of worship are permitted to resume operations with restrictions.

When we reach this level, we will be able to reopen the churches for operation, with restrictions.

As of May 11, 2020, Newfoundland and Labrador have moved to a level 4. As things improve and restrictions are lifted, we will update everyone on the next steps for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To keep you all posted, a great alternative to not being able to meet in our churches has been the weekly Sabbath LiNC (Linking Newfoundland and Labrador Churches) Worship. Many have said it has felt like a "miniature Camp Meeting." This May, we will also be launching island-wide LiNC prayer meetings and our online VBS, which is scheduled for the last week of May. There may be other events as we are given permission or look for creative ways to come together.

May the Lord continue to be with His people as we honor Him during these challenging times.



## Testimonies of LiNC Worship Service

Submitted By: Tsholo Sebetlela



Hello Newfoundland and Labrador! My Name is Tsholofelo Sebetlela, and you may recognize me as my ZOOM name, Pastor T. I live in Cold Lake, Alberta with my beautiful tribe as you can see in the picture. I am currently pastoring at the Lloydminster and Bonnyville Seventh-day Adventist churches. I heard about the LiNC Worship services in Newfoundland through my connections, my best friends Etienne and Katie Harushimana. I have been enjoying these worship services. I love how the pastor's have been leading Sabbath School, and preaching the sermons. I also love Diane and Lawrence Burns, the ones with the radio voices! And let me not forget, everyone can be active during the entire thing because everyone can comment on the chat! And people have the opportunity to chat after the message. I look forward to the day we can come and visit the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

## ABC Food Orders

Submitted By: Pastor Ken Corkum

### Summer Delivery of Foods from the ABC-Oshawa

Camp Meeting Flyer Specials soon to be out for you to order.

-Want to be part of the group order?

-The Mission Office is willing to work with the ABC, so we have one potential order coming to NL-arriving the week of July 13-17.

-There will be some additional transportation charges as we will not be receiving a group discount; however, if we order together, then we can bring FROZEN foods as well as canned goods.

-We would bring the food to the camp again. Keeping the frozen food in the camp freezers for a couple of days until your pickup.

-Watch for more information with order dates and transportation costs in future eREPORTs.

If you have any questions, please email Pastor Ken at [kcorkum@nladventist.ca](mailto:kcorkum@nladventist.ca).



## Treasury Report

Submitted By: Xenia Capote

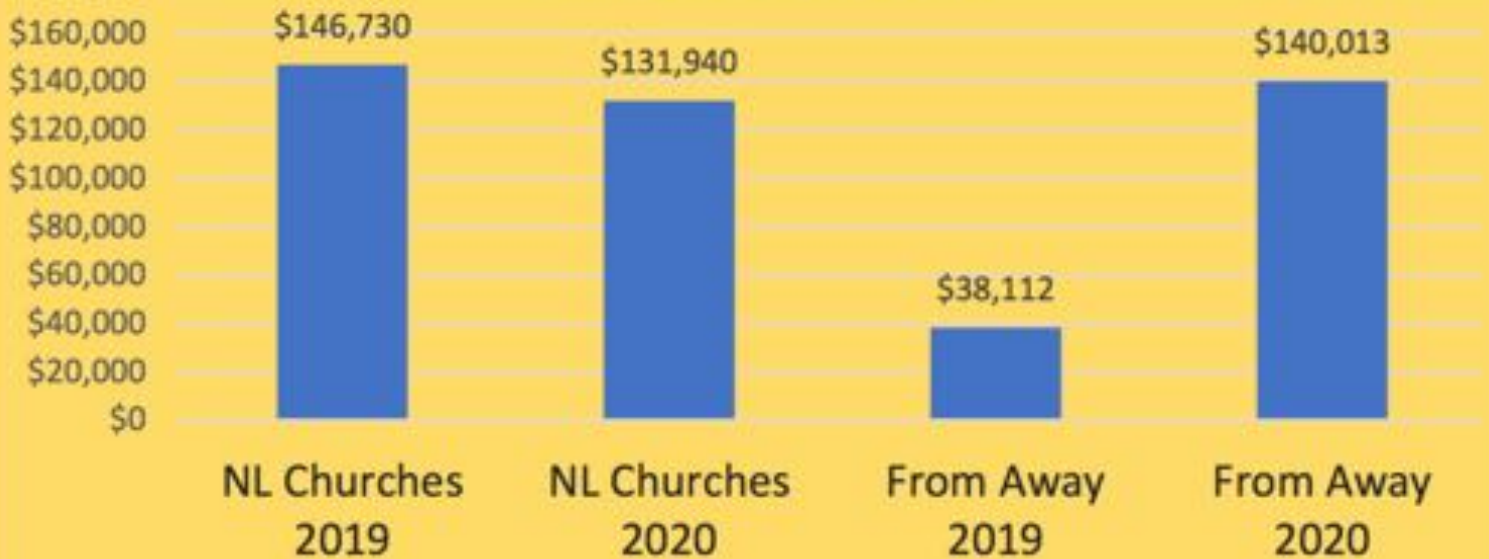
2020 has been a year of surprises for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. We began the year with Snowmageddon, the blizzard of the century. For the past couple of months, we have been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic that is sweeping the world. However, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador stand stronger regardless of the difficulties because, "God is good, and His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

In keeping everyone up-to-date, here is our financial standing in the Newfoundland and Labrador Mission. Newfoundland churches have experienced a 10% decrease in tithe compared to the first four months of the year in 2019. We are beginning to feel the financial effects of the COVID-19.

The Church in Newfoundland is richly blessed from the benevolence of the people from away. We want to point out the significant increase in tithe from January to April compared to those same months in 2019. These funds are keeping our Mission afloat in these trying times, and we praise the Lord for it. May the Lord reward your faithfulness on your tithe and offerings.

We want to thank the dedicated treasurers and pastors that minister to the church members and friends and are keeping the churches active despite social distancing. But we want to especially thank all of you that financially support the SDA Church in Newfoundland and Labrador through your tithe and offering, be it through the mail, [AdventistGiving.ca](http://AdventistGiving.ca), or your local church.

### SDA Church in Newfoundland and Labrador Tithe Comparison Report Jan-Apr 2019-2020



## Stuffed At the Gill's

Taken from: [stuffedatthegills.ca](http://stuffedatthegills.ca)

### Hippie Granola

Combine in bowl:

2 cups whole wheat flour

2 cups rolled oats

1/3 cup wheat germ

1/4 cup ground flax seed

1/2 cup unsweetened coconut

1 teaspoon salt

In a small saucepan mix and heat over low heat until everything is melted together:

1/3 cup oil

6 tablespoons honey

1/4 cup water



Combine the wet ingredients with the dry and mix well until crumbly. Spread on 2 cookie pans and bake at 275 degrees for 1 1/2 hours stirring every 15 minutes. If your granola seems to be browning too quickly turn heat down to 225 degrees.

Add 1 1/2 cups roughly chopped mixed pecans and sliced almonds or other nuts the last 30-15 minutes of baking. You may add more nuts and any variety you like.

If the granola is not completely dry, turn off oven and leave the pans in overnight or until oven is cold.

Makes approximately 7 cups granola with nuts added.

Store in airtight container. If not eating within a few weeks, granola may be stored in the refrigerator to keep the nuts fresh.

Serve with raisins, dates, milk or yogurt, etc.

For step-by-step and more recipes -check out  
Lois Gill website: [www. stuffedatthegills.ca](http://www.stuffedatthegills.ca)