

NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In this issue NAD Approves \$60,000 USD for VOAR Tower Project, Newfoundland Pastor Invited to Andrews University Luther Conference, Small Conference Assistance Program, and more.



NAD Year-End Meeting Oct. 31, 2017 - Day Six
Photo by: Pieter Damsteegt

NAD Votes to Approve \$60,000 USD in Support of New VOAR FM Tower Project

Oct. 31, 2017 | NL Adventist Communications

The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD) voted recently, in their Media Finance Committee, to approve the request of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL Adventist) to give an appropriation of \$60,000 US in support of the new VOAR FM Tower project.

The news was shared with and happily received by NL Adventist president, Ken Corkum, while he attended the NAD Year-end Meetings at NAD headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, October 27-31, 2017.

News of the NAD appropriation approval arrived just as initial stages of the tower construction began. The design engineer's stamp of approval for foot print of the tower was received last week by Brian Matthews, VOAR's Chief Technical Engineer, and excavation for the tower's foundation began shortly thereafter.

The entire VOAR FM Tower project is estimated to cost \$1.3 million to complete. To date, over \$110,000 has been raised.

The goal is for the foundation to be installed by or before Christmas, this year, with the remaining tower structure to be installed spring or summer of next year.



VOAR FM Tower Excavations, Oct. 30, 2017
Photo by: Brian Matthews



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Volunteers are needed November 6-8, 2017 to help answer phones, take donations and pledges during Sharathon.

Urgent Need: We need to fill 3 stations from 5:00pm-10:00pm Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Volunteering for a couple hours, or even the full five hours would be helpful. (Must be 16 years or older).

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Events

- **October-November** (8 weeks) - Dr. Nedley's Community Depression & Anxiety Recovery Program, Conception Bay South
- **November 6-8, 2017**- VOAR Sharathon
- **November 14-20, 2017** - SDACC Year End Meetings, Oshawa, ON
- **December 4-6, 2017** - NL Workers Meeting
- **December 6, 2017** - Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Boxes in Burin Peninsula, Marystown

Upcoming Events In Your Area?

Does your church, company, or group have any events it would like to submit to be included on the NL Adventist Calendar?

Submit to: nladventist@gmail.com

Newfoundland Pastor Invited to Speak at Andrews University Luther Conference Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2017

By NL Adventist Communications

Pastor Victor Reyes-Prieto, of Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been invited to speak, this week, at a conference commemorating the 500-year anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses.

The event is being held in Berrien Springs, Michigan and organized by the Andrews University Departments of History & Political Science and Religion & Biblical Languages in collaboration with the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research.

Pastor Reyes-Prieto will be delivering a presentation on his paper titled "The Counter-Reformation and the Fragmentation of Protestantism."

Stay tuned for information about how you may learn more about the Luther Conference and Pastor Reyes-Prieto's paper.

Generous Appropriation Amounts Allow Small Conferences/ Missions to Exist

Nov. 2, 2017 | By Eric L. Ollila

It is not uncommon to hear the occasional Seventh-day Adventist member or even church leader comment about how they believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church would be better run, if each local church entity kept 100% of its funds to itself, to be used as it deems best.

Aside from this concept being poor financial stewardship, for any organization or individual, the concept is opposite to the biblical principle found in Luke 6:38 which says "give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full--pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." The Small

Conference Assistance program, which the Seventh-day Adventist Church implements, follows this biblical principle.

Conferences and missions, such as the Newfoundland Mission, that generate annual tithe amounts less than \$7.968 million receive special assistance, by way of getting a portion of their tithe back from the division (i.e. the North American Division, etc.). The amount of assistance, a conference receives, is determined by a formula and is funded by all conferences, that generate over \$4 million in tithe annually, contributing 0.08% to the Assistance program.

Conferences and missions with less than 1,000 members, such as the Newfoundland Mission, receive 100% of their previous year's tithe back in appropriation. But that's not all! In the case of Newfoundland, an additional amount is granted. For instance, in 2018, the Newfoundland Mission will receive the equivalent of 100% of its previous year's tithe back, plus an additional \$100,000 in appropriation, plus a \$60,000 appropriation for the VOAR FM Tower project.

So, even though Newfoundland has to send its tithe "up the channels" each month (i.e. it gives), it eventually gets it all back (good measure, pressed down, and overflowing). That is biblical principle in action!

This same principle is what allows many conferences and missions around North America and the world to exist. In Canada, the Manitoba-Saskatchewan, Maritime, Quebec, and Newfoundland Conferences/Mission rely on this godly principle to help them operate. If the Adventist Church did not follow this principle, many of these entities would cease to exist, or would have considerable limitations in operating.

Let us, in Newfoundland, thank God for the financial system He has allowed to be implemented in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



NL Adventist Pastors, Administrators, Spouses | Photo by Eric L. Ollila

NL Adventist Pastors' and Administrators' Meeting

Oct. 22, 2017 | NL Adventist Communications

On Sunday, October 22, 2017 NL Adventist administrators, pastors and spouses gathered for a special meeting aimed at building improved relationships and godly work environment within the NL ministry context.

Dr. Bruce Boyd, professor at Burman University, attended the meeting and spoke about relational principles and approaches to reconciliation when addressing conflict.



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