

NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS RESPONSE: Improved Communication to Members of NL; Changes at VOAR Since Town Hall Meetings in 2016...



Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

Improved Communication to the Members of NL

Jan. 17, 2018 | By Pastor Ken Corkum, SDANL President

We live in the age of instant communication and both members and workers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador (SDANL) want to know what is happening across our Island, and that is good news. To be engaged in the Work of the Lord encourages buy-in to the commission that Jesus gave when He told His followers to go into all the world in His name with His message.

I would like to reflect on what has been happening in our Field since our Town Hall Meetings in 2016. The main areas of questions at the meetings related to Woody Acres, Property Development on Kenmount, The VOAR FM Project, Mission Finances, VOAR Philosophy

& Programming, and Evangelism in Saint Pierre & Miquelon, as well as Labrador.

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To help with communication, the SDANL Board voted two major steps: First the assignment of Eric Ollila as Communication Director for the Mission and secondly that Pastor Eric would begin publishing current Newsletters. These have been coming out to you in NL on a weekly basis for several weeks now and it is our hope you would feel more informed about the happenings in NL than in the past.

NL Evangelism

The Board of Directors voted in 2017 and again in 2018 to give every church and company in NL the sum of \$100/month or \$1,200/yr to help the local congregations with outreach ministries. Besides this an additional \$1,000 is available for five special requests.



NL Adventist Members Gathered for a Baptism on water front at Camp Woody Acres | Photo by NL Communications



In 2019, SDANL is eligible for \$125,000 from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) to be used in the St John's area Evangelistic Initiative.

Each Conference in Canada has received a financial gift to help in one of their major cities. \$60,000 has been assigned by the SDACC to be used in helping with the VOAR Tower project and the remaining \$65,000 eligible for other outreach initiatives. Pastor Eric is exploring potential evangelism options to present to our Board of Directors before the end of the summer in 2018.

Saint Pierre and Miquelon

These French Islands have been part of the NL territory for years. Over the last few years we have been talking with the Quebec Conference, and the SDACC, about Quebec taking over these islands as their mission field since they have the common language. The decision has been made, by all parties concerned, to make this territory the responsibility of the Quebec Conference.

Labrador

The SDANL Evangelism Committee has taken the initiative to send a delegation to Labrador to begin exploring ways to start work in this part of our field. They found that the two VOAR Broadcasting towers in Labrador have created friends and a favourable climate for us to begin work there. Although going forward is still desired it is not foreseen as happening in 2018.

Woody Acres Camp

It is the view of the leadership of the SDANL and we believe most members want a strong program at our camp and quality buildings to the glory of God on the campground. The recent electrical connection with NL Hydro has opened up the camp to seasonal use.

The concern of some members that moving from generator to electrical would increase costs did not materialize, and we are pleased to inform each reader that the costs for electricity has actually gone down.

In 2018 expanding the electrical service from the present line up to the new maintenance building will be completed. This sets up the campground for cabin and trailer expansion on the west side of the campgrounds. Also in 2018 there will be some preparation work for new trailer sites; however,

electrical services to these sites is not planned for this year, possibly in 2019 or 2020.

There has been a desire for a new Boys' cabin since the boys during Youth Camps sleep on the floors of our SS Cabins. There was a momentum to fulfill this dream in 2017, however we decided to place this project on hold as the major project underway is the erection of the VOAR FM Tower. There is a continual development of smaller projects including the new Playground across from the cafeteria and expansion of programs at the waterfront, like a new water ski program.

Woody Acres continues to be the place where we celebrate as a NL Church and where we transmit our values to the Youth of NL.

VOAR Ministry

Newfoundland and Labrador has a long history of ministry through VOAR. As a relative new comer to the Island I have been impressed with the impact VOAR has had on the religious leaders of NL. When I attend any religious meeting it is not uncommon for one or more of the spiritual leaders to come up to me and express appreciation for our service to the spiritual community across NL through VOAR.



SDANL Staff: Christine Bergen, secretary treasurer; Pr. Ken Corkum, president; Jack Baier, accountant; Leah Smallwood, office secretary & assistant to treasury; Pr. Eric Ollila, communications director (not in photo) | Photo by Pr. Ken Corkum

Although overwhelmingly seen in a favourable light outside of our church doors, there seems to be two points of view held by our members inside the Church. One group sees VOAR as the Seventh-day Adventist Station, or in the same light as they see a Worship service on a Sabbath morning. The other group sees VOAR as a Community Service, like mingling among men seeking their interests and ministering to them, winning their friendship, and then inviting them to follow Jesus.

The smaller group sees any program that would not fit into a Sabbath morning worship service as blasphemy to God and a denial of our truth as Adventists. The larger group sees the programming as a community service, open to non-Adventist main stream messages to bring in members and friends of their groups to listen to VOAR. While listening they will have opportunity to hear our specific Adventist programs.

Both groups have the desire to increase Church programming, and are encouraging the station to expand in this area. Both groups recognize the CRTC does have some requirements that necessitates variety of views in programming. The station is supportive of moving forward with some creative ideas to serve the listening audience in the communities where VOAR is broadcast.

There are programs on VOAR that, from time to time, may present different views than Adventists hold. These programs purchase time to be on our radio station. VOAR states on a regular basis a disclaimer about programs not reflecting the views of this station, as well, encourages people to study the Bible for themselves. I asked Sherry Griffin, Station Manager, to give you an update on new developments since the Town Hall Meetings. Her article follows this one.

Property Development on Kenmount Road

At the SDANL Session, in June of 2016, the delegates attending the meetings were made aware of the plans being explored around the development of the nine (9) acres owned by the Mission on Kenmount Road. This gave opportunity for discussion by the delegates with the conclusion that before development went forward the plans with a budget would be brought back to a Special

Session. It is the conclusion during initial evaluations that the value of land and sale of office building would come very close to covering the costs of development.

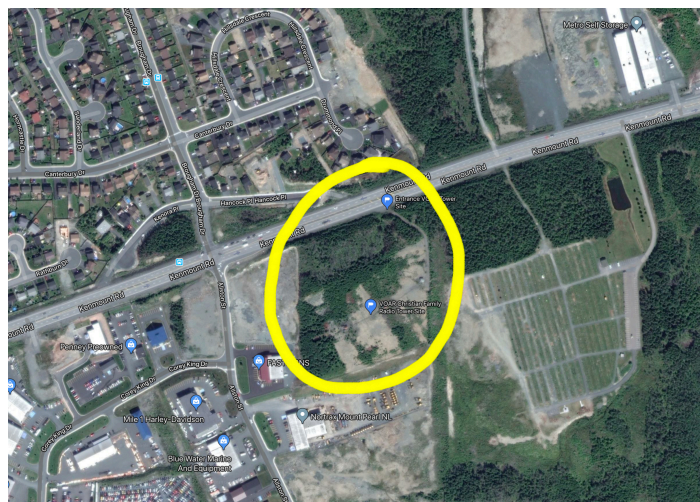
The development of plans are moving forward and it is projected that sometime between the fall of 2018 and summer of 2019 we could be ready to go to a Special Session to consider the potential of constructing new facilities for VOAR & Office on the land.

Finances of the Mission

As President of the SDANL, I am committed to use the resources of this field in a responsible and progressive way. I am committed to see that the finances with reserves are in a healthy position within recommended NAD Policy. We need to ensure our finances provide pastoral services to our members and support outreach ministry to our friends and neighbours in NL. Whether it is development at Woody Acres, on Kenmount Road or across the Island, the NL Administrative Team is committed to live within our means for God's Glory.

It is my Prayer 2018 will see God's hand leading our NL Church in caring for its members and reaching out to provide hope to a world that needs to know Jesus Christ and the freedom He brings. Your prayers and comments are always welcomed.

Pastor Ken
President



Property Development on Kenmount | Seventh-day Adventist Church in NL Kenmount Property | Google Maps | NL Adventist Communications



VOAR Staff: Mark Worden, production manager; Brian Matthews, engineer; Tina Taylor, communications director; Sherry Griffin, manager | Photo by Pastor Ken Corkum

Changes at VOAR Since Town Hall Meetings in 2016

January 18, 2018 | By Sherry Griffin, VOAR Manager

VOAR's Management Committee appreciated the opportunity to come and listen to the comments, and opinions of the Church members who attended our Town Hall meetings. It was a moment to hear SDA Church members honest critique, questions, and compliments on the ministry of VOAR.

Music

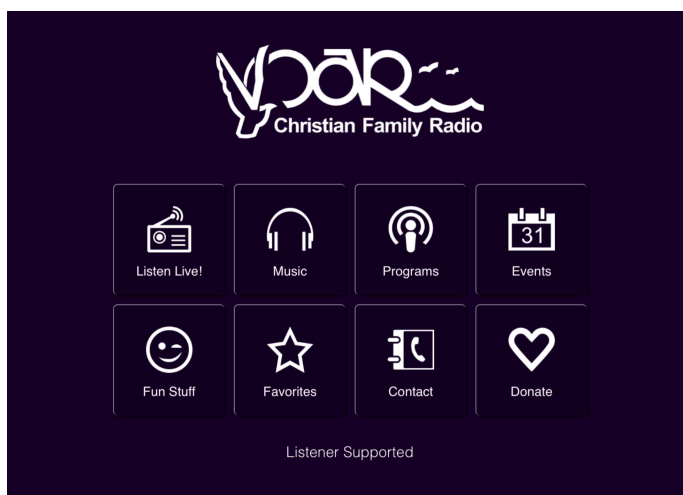
VOAR has been planning and working on improving our overall sound. We have been doing the leg work to install a new software music program, and upgrade our music library.

Since the Town Hall Meetings, we have been working on "day parting" our contemporary music and inspirational libraries into separate times of the day, so listeners can choose listening times according to their taste in music. The philosophy of music we aim for is middle of the road on contemporary/ inspirational, country/ southern gospel and traditional. The music grading is a process that will progress over time, and we think our listeners will enjoy the enhancements.

Finances

The goal we have been endeavouring to reach is a balanced budget with no need for subsidy. The following developments have helped to bring us closer to realizing that goal:

- We ended 2017 on a positive note by reaching our annual Sharathon goal of \$60,000, as of December.
- VOAR recently added three new shows: We welcomed the Voice of Prophecy back on the air, with two new shows. On Sunday afternoons from 2-3pm you will hear host Shawn Boonstra with Disclosure, and on Saturday mornings children can tune in for a half hour program called Discovery Mountain. Our third new show is a Canadian short feature on religious liberty with host, lawyer Barry Bussey that will be airing Monday to Friday at 7:30am and in the 5pm news block. In total, these new programs will add a nice amount to our budget.
- VOAR has been approached by potential suitors to rent space on our tower, once the FM tower is completed. This will help bring in added revenue. We currently have one renter in place, with the potential for two more.



VOAR Christian Family Radio App by Larry Penney | Available on The Apple Store | NL Adventist Communications

- Bell ExpressVu, or Bell TV, has waived VOAR's annual bill. That is a savings of approximately \$65,000 annually. They also offered to put VOAR on Fibre Op in Manitoba and Quebec free of charge.
- As part of his communications position, Pastor Eric Ollila will be helping (part-time) to increase our business underwriting sponsorships.

Programming

- As part of VOAR's desire to share more on the health message, we have been in discussion with 3ABN, on adding new features, some of which will have a health focus.
- VOAR is also focusing on a short health feature that will include local provincial and Canadian stats, aimed at being more relevant to our listeners. We hope to open this up to various health professionals, which will further build relationships in our community. Nutritionist Ana-Marie Gascoyne, from central Newfoundland and Labrador has started recording this feature. Dr. Darlene Blaney, located in Alberta, has also offered to work with VOAR on a new health feature.
- We have approached our pastors to produce a new 1 minute "Hope" feature on behalf of the station. We see this being a program that some of our lay people could potentially assist with.
- Amazing Facts Canada is looking at developing new daily programming for VOAR. Discussions are currently underway with Amazing Facts on the needs of the VOAR listening audience.
- It Is Written's, Chris Holland, has expressed an interest in placing a daily program designed specifically for VOAR. In addition, we invited Chris to air his recent Discoveries in Revelation series which was recorded live right here in the Avalon region, during 2016. The programs are still in production.
- We are seeking to add Aboriginal programming, where possible on VOAR, and are currently following up on several leads to this end. We looked at adding Aboriginal programming back in 2010. At the time, we had people in British Columbia interested in helping to produce a show, but that didn't materialize when they accepted a new job offer in another province.
- VOAR has approached the North American Division (NAD) with starting a new daily preaching program, featuring 5 popular pastors with lots of recorded material at their disposal. Our plan is to make this a

daily show Monday to Friday. NAD is pleased with the idea, and is willing to support us in developing this initiative.

VOAR is a not-for-profit radio station, owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador, and operates under license from the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission. Operating within the restrictions placed upon it under the terms of its license, VOAR's mission is to provide a Christian alternative to the commercial radio stations within its coverage area, providing Christian music and inspiring messages from a wide variety of sources, compatible with its philosophy of bringing the good news of salvation and Christ's soon coming to both the church and unchurched.

Your interest, prayers and comments are always welcome at VOAR.

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