

NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In this issue NL Adventist President Presents at Salvation Army St. John's Citadel During Lent; 434 in Attendance at Avalon Celebration of Hope; Canadian Retirement Fund for SDA Workers; NL Family Ministries Update; VOAR Tower Funds Update; ALC Sexual Abuse Course Completion Deadline; Safety Sabbath March 24; Large Bottle & Est. \$600 in Dimes Missing from Marystown SDA Church Sanctuary...



Pastor Ken Corkum, NL Adventist President speaking at Salvation Army St. John's Citadel | March 7, 2018 | Photo by Celest Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

NL Adventist President Presents at Salvation Army St. John's Citadel During Lent

March 7, 2018 | Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

The Salvation Army St. John's Citadel has a yearly Lent Service of six weeks (Wednesdays) leading up to Easter Sunday where they invite visiting community presenters. This year's theme for the series was entitled, "The Face of Love when Rejected."

Pastor Ken Corkum, president of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and

Labrador, accepted the invitation to speak at this year's service held Wednesday, March 7, 2018. His topic, presented during the noon hour program, was "Love seen in the Silence of Jesus before Pilate".

A memorable quote from the message was "To the one who dismissed Him, the Face of Love stood silent...with no rebuke. Pilate."

Present for the service were some 80+ worshipers, who responded with warmth and approval to the Bible message of how Jesus interacted with Pilate on the day of His crucifixion.



Lent Service at Salvation Army | March 7, 2018 | Photo by Celest Corkum | NL Adventist Communications





Celebration of Hope with Will Graham Launch Event|
Bethesda Pentecostal Church | March 8, 2018 | Photo
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434 In Attendance at Avalon Celebration of Hope Launch Event-St. John's, NL / Unique Opportunity for NL Adventists

March 8, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

More than 430 individuals from various Christian churches and denominations attended the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada's Avalon Celebration of Hope launch event Thursday night, March 8, 2018 at the Bethesda Pentecostal Church in St. John's.

The worship style event sought to inspire and motivate attendees to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit and to get involved inviting those, out of their personal network and especially those who need to be introduced to Jesus Christ, to attend the upcoming November 2-4, 2018 Celebration of Hope with Will Graham event at MileOne Stadium, St. John's, NL.

Those present were encouraged to attend and invite their friends to attend one of the Christian Life & Witness Courses that are being offered at various Avalon Region church locations during the month of April. The course will seek to train participants how to gain and maintain a personal walk with Jesus Christ and simple steps to sharing one's personal faith and leading others to Christ.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador has been invited to

participate in the November 2-4 Celebration of Hope with Will Graham event. We have responded favourably that we are willing to participate, as we are able, as Seventh-day Adventists in full faith we will be permitted to maintain our conscientious convictions and God given identity. Additionally, it has been promised that the decisions for Christ at the November 2-4 meetings will be referred, by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada, to the participating church of the deciding individual's choice. To this end, we feel it our Christian duty to offer our ministry and be available to receive any person desiring further Bible studies and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the Adventist Church.

Pastor Eric Ollila, NL Adventist Communications Director, recently accepted the invitation to be a part of the Avalon Celebration of Hope Executive Leadership Team. The additional invitation is therefore extended, for those Seventh-day Adventists interested within the Avalon Region, to get involved in prayer, counselling, and other ministry related areas for the event and lead up to the event.

Please pray for this endeavour, those who will be participating, and the local community. Please mark your calendars for November 2-4, 2018 as this will be a significant Christian event for Newfoundland and Labrador, the likes of which has not been seen for over 25 years.



Avalon Celebration of Hope Executive Leadership Team |
Bethesda Pentecostal Church | March 8, 2018 | Photo
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Canadian Retirement Fund for SDA Workers | Photo by QuinceMedia on Pixabay | NL Adventist Communications

FYI: Canadian Retirement Fund for SDA Workers

March 6, 2018 | Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada provides a Retirement benefit for its workers called the Retirement Benefit Program. In this plan the Employer provides a fixed amount to the employee during retirement years and administers the plan. It is not the same as the Retirement Contribution Program where both Employer and employee contribute and the amounts are managed by the employee. Of interest to some of our members and retired workers would be some updates on the program.

- a. 35% of the investment set aside to finance the retirement program are in Equities (5% Canadian, 30% Foreign)
- b. 65% of the investments are in long term Canadian Government Bonds (Although potentially yielding a lower interest, the investment gives more stability to the program).
- c. The Retirement Benefit program for our employees is at 92% of being fully funded. Each year our SDA Employers fund 100% of current retirement amounts and part of the catch up from past service.
- d. In 2017 the investments yielded 9.8% interest. Over the last four years the interest earned is 9.1%
- e. One of the guidelines for investment is there are to be no investment in "sin Stocks".

f. Our Church endeavours to take care of its workers and having a Retirement program is one way this is demonstrated.

NL Adventist Family Ministries Update/Amanda Matthews, Children's Ministries Representative for Canada

March 6, 2018 | NL Adventist Communications

In light of the Steve and Amanda Matthews family moving to Ontario, Amanda will no longer serve as the NL Adventist Family Ministries Director.

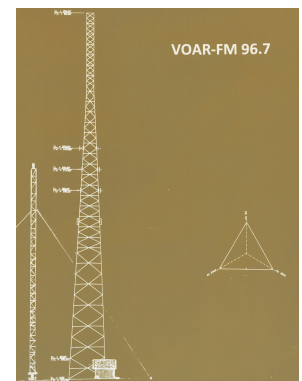
However, the SDACC Board voted, last weekend, to ask her to continue as the Children's Ministries Representative for Canada and attend the North American Division (NAD) Children's Ministries Advisories. She will continue in that role from their new home province.



VOAR FM Tower Funds Update

March 7, 2018 | Pastor Ken Corkum | NL Adventist Communications

At its board meeting last weekend, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) ratified an appropriation to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador (SDACNL) in the amount of \$60,000 toward the cost of the new VOAR FM Tower. The North American Division (NAD) also voted to include \$60,000 USD toward the project. Both fund amounts are expected to be received in 2018.





REMINDER: ALC Sexual Abuse - Reclaiming Hope Course Completion-March 31 Deadline

As a REMINDER to Employees...

Every employee of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador is expected to take the ALC Sexual Abuse-Reclaiming Hope course in the interest of protecting our children, vulnerable seniors and the disadvantaged.

The requested deadline for completion is **March 31, 2018.**

An INVITATION to Church Members...

Any church member or member in leadership in their local church, especially those who may work with children, are invited to complete this online course as well. It is free and produced by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. You can do it in instalments, it will take approx 5 hours in total.

Let's keep our churches SAFE!

Step 1: Create an account at [Adventist Learning Community](#) (ALC)

Step 2: Search for "Sexual Abuse" and enrol for the free course.

Do you have news or events happening in your church you'd like to share?

SDACC Approves Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference to Purchase New Facility Complex

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The SDACC authorized the Manitoba Saskatchewan Conference to purchase a new facility complex in Winnipeg, so they can have more space for their church school Red River Valley Junior Academy (RRVJA). The estimated cost of the project is \$4 million. There are currently 154 students in the school with a waiting list of 30. They are also hoping to move from a Junior Academy to full Academy.



Safety Sabbath® March 24

One Sabbath. One drill. A safer church.

All churches throughout North America are encouraged to hold an annual safety drill during Safety Sabbath®. The official date of the next Safety Sabbath® is March 24, 2018. Sign up here to get information for Safety Sabbath® 2018 <https://adventistrisk.org/en-CA/Safety-Resources/Safety-Sabbath>

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Deadline: Wednesdays, 12:00pm.



Wooden Stand with Missing Bottle | Marystown
Seventh-day Adventist Church | February 17, 2018 |
Photo by Eric Ollila | NL Adventist Communications

Large Bottle & Estimated \$600 in Dimes Missing from Marystown SDA Church Sanctuary

February 18, 2018 | NL Adventist
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An estimated \$600.00 worth of dimes along with a large, specialized glass bottle holding the coins went missing from the sanctuary of the Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church in the early part of February of this year.

The bottle was located at the back of the sanctuary and was sitting on a wooden stand. The Marystown Church had been using the bottle to collect funds to send to ADRA Canada.

At present, the RCMP are investigating the case, but no suspects have been named.

Please pray that the funds will be found or returned.

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