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Bay Roberts SDA Church: Taking Church Online

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Several years ago, the Bay Roberts Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership decided that it was time to do something to develop the church's presence online. Our physical church location has been front-and-center in the town of Bay Roberts for more than 60 years, with thousands of people driving by our front door and seeing the church every week. However, recognizing the fact that thousands of people in our region were engaged online, and that many of these people are seeking answers to life's biggest questions (many typing their questions right into a Google

search bar), led us to want to extend our reach out into cyberspace. Our hope was to provide ministry resources, and a message of hope and wholeness, to the many seekers of our community.

Updating our church website was determined to be the first step we would take. Church Communications/Technology leader Steve McIntyre, took the lead and the church's new website, www.bayrobertssda.org, was launched. At first it contained some basic church information, some online resources such as links to Bible studies and health articles, as well as our weekly bulletin and an interactive prayer request section.

Soon after, in early 2013, we added an audio recording section to the website. In that section (www.bayrobertssda.org/audio-sermons-mobile.html), we began to post regular Sabbath sermon recordings, and today most every sermon preached in the church since that time is available in our audio recording archive.

In 2017 a total of 4,627 visitors visited our church website, downloading hundreds of gigabytes of audio and text resources. So far this year (2018), 1,902 visitors have visited the site, and have already downloaded several hundred gigabytes of spiritual audio and text resources.

In 2013/2014, thanks to a NL Mission initiative across the Island, we added a new computer and video camera to our A/V equipment. This enabled us to begin video recording our



Sabbath sermons, as well as any special seminar events we shared or hosted. These began to be edited and posted online too. Soon after, we launched a YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/bayrobertssda) where those edited video presentations were archived. Also, via the YouTube site, we have been Live Streaming our Sabbath sermon presentations each Sabbath for a couple of years. Over the short lifetime of the YouTube channel, viewers have watched more than 64,900 minutes of video sermons or presentations. Our Sabbath Sermon is available live each Sabbath morning, beginning at approximately 11:25-11:35am at www.youtube.com/bayrobertssda/live. While we encourage everyone to attend their home Church on Sabbath mornings, we do invite anyone who cannot make it out to their own home church at that time to join us for Bible preaching any Sabbath.

For several years, the social media platform of Facebook has been utilized in several ways by our church for ministry and outreach as well. The creation of a private Facebook Group has helped us connect our members between Sabbaths, and to provide reminders about important church events. Starting a public Facebook Page has given us further access to friends and neighbours in our community, as we share updates and links to our audio/video archive, our Sabbath live stream, as well as events we invite the community to attend. Public Facebook Events have been created for outreach ministry endeavours which can be seen, searched and shared by anyone, thus spreading the word to their timelines and friends. Like our page, and connect with us at www.facebook.com/bayrobertssda.



Pastor Jason Williams preaching a Sabbath sermon as captured via the Bay Roberts Church YouTube livestream using camera and sound board | Photo by Pastor Jason Williams | NL Adventist Communications



Bay Roberts Church A/V Booth Volunteer Operator, Lamonte Stagg | Photo by Pastor Jason Williams | NL Adventist Communications

In late 2015 another idea was born. With a growing archive of Sabbath sermons and other presentations from our local church, and free access to the recorded material of numerous well-known, and not-so-well-known, Seventh-day Adventist pastors, evangelists, teachers/professors, and health educators, we launched out once again. Living Word Radio (www.livingwordradio.ca) is a 24/7 internet radio station broadcasting Biblical preaching and teaching right from our Bay Roberts Church. The continuously streamed content includes Sabbath sermons, evangelistic presentations, health lectures, creation discussions, as well as some select musical pieces between. For the on-the-go listener, Living Word Radio can be listened to on your mobile device using our convenient app on either the Apple or Android platforms.

From January 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018, remembering that virtually no advertising has been done apart from having the site live and the app available, 4,696 unique listeners, from 106 countries, have tuned into Living Word Radio for a total of 877,178 Listener Minutes.

A report on a ministry such as this would not be complete without mentioning the faithful supporters and helpers who make it possible. As previously mentioned, Steve McIntyre has led our team in regard to our technological advancements and online ministries. However, he is supported by several others who have dedicated time "out of the pew" to be involved. Bruce Smallwood and Lamonte Stagg share

time along with Steve, in the A/V booth each Sabbath, and Pat Mahoney as well as Joe Bergen work on the video camera. We are grateful to each of these gentlemen for supporting the Lord's work this way.

We look forward to doing some local Conception Bay North region advertising on both Community TV Channel and The Compass Newspaper, as well as online via Facebook, during the remainder of this year. This advertising, we hope, will bring greater local awareness to our local online media ministry, and lead community residents to connect with us online.

We invite you to pray for the thousands of people who have accessed Seventh-day Adventist ministry through audio sermons, video presentations, Bible studies, health articles and presentations and other resources on our web ministry channels. And, we invite you to join us to pray for the thousands more who we hope will still find a message of hope and wholeness through these online resources provided by the Bay Roberts Church.



Bay Roberts Memorial Service

You and your family are invited to join with us for a memorial service on **Sunday, June 3, 2018, at 2:30pm** at the **Bay Roberts Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 200 Conception Bay Highway, Bay Roberts, NL.

Please join us as we remember family, loved ones, and community friends who have, over the years, been part of our church family.

Our guest speaker for this special occasion will be Pastor David Crook. Refreshments will follow.

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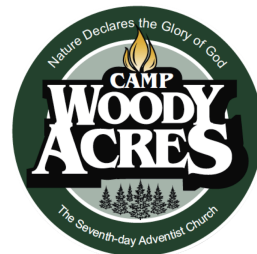
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Launch of 2018 Adventist Mission Film Contest

[SILVER SPRING, MD] Hot on the heels of last year's popular "Mission Is . . ." film contest, the Office of Adventist Mission at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists announces the 2018 film contest titled "My Story, My Mission." Students around the world are invited to creatively express, in one minute or less, what mission means in their lives.

The contest is for students 18-25 years old who self-identify as Adventist or who attend Adventist-affiliated educational institutions. To ensure eligibility, entrants are asked to refer to the entry rules. Films must be submitted online at AdventistMission.org/filmcontest by August 31, 2018.

The contest was officially launched in April at the Sonscreen Film Festival in Columbia, Maryland. Young filmmakers have four months to create their masterpiece. A panel of judges will select a shortlist in September which will then be placed on the Adventist Mission website and social media for public voting.

The winners will be announced in October at the Society of Adventist Communicators Conference (also in Columbia). The first place winner can look forward to honing his or her filmmaking skills by accompanying Adventist Mission/Mission Spotlight® filmmakers on an all-expense-paid mission film trip to an international location. This year's second prize is a choice of either the GoPro HERO6 or DJI Spark Drone. The third prize is the DJI Osmo Mobile Gimbal Stabilizer, and the Judges' Choice prize is the Ricoh Theta SC Spherical camera.

All eligible young people are encouraged to create a film and enter the contest! "When I entered the contest, I didn't think I was going to win. But I at least hoped to win second place," said Rachel, the 2017 contest winner, while filming in Thailand. "Now, sometimes I can't believe it, and I have to ask myself: Am I really here on the other side of the world filming these stories? It's a great blessing!"

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If you would like more information about this contest, please contact Kayla Ewert at

(301) 680-6696 or by email EwertK@gc.adventist.org. Full details and rules are on AdventistMission.org/filmcontest.

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