

# NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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## Welcome Back

Greetings! In this issue: New Pastor for Conception Bay South and Bay Roberts Districts; Vacation Bible School 2019; Camp Meeting 2019; First Nations and Wellness Coach Training; Newfoundland Delegates Meeting; Recognizing Loraine Best; In Memory of Arthur Diamond;...

## New Pastor of CBS and Bay Roberts Districts

### Introduction of New Pastoral Family

Photos Provided by Ken Corkum | Information Provided By: Ken Corkum

We are pleased to introduce to you Fred & Francis Nahirny, the new pastoral couple for CBS and Bay Roberts districts. Fred completed his religious studies at Burman University, and Francis earned her "PHT" (Putting Hubby Through) degree.

Fred is from British Columbia and during his journey has enjoyed an emphasis in Health Ministries certifying in the "Nedley Depression Recovery Program" and the C.H.I.P (Complete Health Improvement Program). He loves nature, gardening, and backpacking. However, Fred says he enjoys the thought of fulltime pastoring most of all.

Francis loves taking your blood for medical testing as she is a Phlebotomist. She has a love for people and unites with her husband in her desire to minister to the people in the CBS and Bay Roberts.

Fred and Francis have arrived in Newfoundland and have begun their ministry. We welcome Fred and Francis to our pastoral team in NL.



# Vacation Bible School 2019

Photos By: Kaitlynn Harushimana and Laura Furey | Information Provided By: Kaitlynn Harushimana

From their arrival in St. John's to VBS in Cape Freels, Botwood and Marystown, the Burman Team had quite the eventful summer. Every week was different, new, and exciting, as they switched from VBS to Camp and then back again. However, the one thing that remained consistent was their dedication to serve in Newfoundland and share Jesus with every child they met.

Sandra Stagg from Cape Freels said, "I felt that the VBS was a success even though it was short notice. As a result of the VBS, we now have two more children attending Sabbath School. The children were sad to see it end and we are looking forward to next year."

Each member of the VBS team said that they thoroughly enjoyed the VBS experience. One of the members Naomi Batiacila says:

"Working with the children here has made me rethink the way I interact with the people around me. Interestingly, you can learn so much from the way you interact with children and the way they interact with each other. Through these experiences so far, I've been impressed to work harder, and to be a better example to them both socially and spiritually."

One of the beautiful things about working with children is that they are not the only ones that can grow and learn.

If your area is interested in having Vacation Bible School in 2020, please contact Kaitlynn Harushimana.



# Camp Woody Acres

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It is hard to believe that another Woody Acres Camp Meeting has come and gone. Despite how quickly it went by, there was still time for Cradle-Roll, Primary, Pathfinder, Youth, and Adult Meetings.

The Cradle-Roll Division, led by Sarah-Kay Joseph and Erma Marcellus, held a fantastic program entitled, "In The Beginning." A day-by-day exploration of God's creation.

The Primary Division also had a wonderful time with their leader Tina Taylor and assistants, Andrew Taylor and Christopher Au, who led them through a week of "Roar."

The Pathfinder Division, led by Celeste Corkum and assisted by Holly Anthony, went through a week of study focusing on "Literal? Or a Story?" During this time, they studied the Seventh Day creation and compared it to the concept of evolution.

The Youth Division, led by Jonathan Gascoyne, featuring special guest speaker Nwamiko Madden, went through an intense study of, "A Beautiful God."

The Adults group were also able to take advantage of meetings with an overall theme, "At Peace With God, Contentment Within." This year's guest speakers were international; bringing a variety of messages. The music was orchestrated by the Cape Freels church in the morning, island-wide church members in the evening, and assistance from our Burman VBS Team. We thank all those who came and shared their musical talent this year, adding to the fellowship of Camp Meeting.

Pam Tucker, special guest, and soloist said, "Arriving on the campgrounds of Camp Woody Acres was as sweet a feeling as ever you can experience. I was thrilled to return to Newfoundland for camp meeting this year and bring my husband Mike Tucker with me to be the evening speaker. We enjoyed the beauty of nature that surrounds the camp and the sweet fellowship of all who attended the meetings. I will continue to impress upon Mike the need for us to retire to Newfoundland. This year I had the honour to play guitar with Clyde Holder and the Morning Minstrels, it was bittersweet as I felt the absence of Pr. John. I am still aglow with the warmth of the fellowship and the messages of God's love that Mike shared with our friends. Praying always for our dear friends in Newfoundland."



Sabbath is always a blessing; smaller and larger congregations alike can join together. The first Sabbath was a "Music and Ministry" concert where we heard from some of our musicians and different ministries happening around the world. The second Sabbath had a profession of faith from Bill King. Bill had been having Bible Studies with Pastor Ken and began his relationship with the church when he attended the St John's Academy. Bill expressed that during his time at the Academy, the teachers and other students had an impact on his life. Surrounded by some of his church members and friends, everyone welcomed him into his new family.

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From August 7-25, the Woody Acres Summer Staff of 2019 gathered together at camp. With three days of, staff bonding, camp preparation, and Newfoundland adventures, everyone was able to prepare themselves physically and spiritually for the weeks to come. On August 11, the junior campers arrived with bright eyes, energy, and excitement. Our staff led them all through a week themed, "Competing for the crown #militaryedition," where they were able to work together to gain points and knowledge that would lead them closer to winning the battle and earning the crown. The week ended with a re-enactment of Jesus' final hours. It was exciting to watch everyone in amazement as they realized that when Jesus died, the battle was won over death.



Young people gathered from St. John's, Conception Bay South, Bay Roberts, Red Harbour, Marystown, Gander, Grand Falls-Windsor, and Botwood. There were even children from Ontario and Quebec attending to take part in the beautiful camp that Newfoundland has to offer.

Amy Butler, Parent Volunteer, wrote, "This summer our kids attended their 3rd year at Camp Woody Acres! We can't praise this beautiful place enough, we love it and look forward to it every year. Our girls have learned many skills and gained so much confidence in the numerous activities offered at camp. And

you can be sure each day at worship the kids are eager on their feet participating in singing or playing musical instruments! As a parent volunteer, I have had the pleasure of seeing all the joy and experiences through our kids' eyes while working with such an amazing, dedicated and caring staff who always make us feel so welcome. We have made many friendships in the last three years, and we hope to make many more in the years to come! Many Thanks, The Butler Family ❤️"

Between the morning devotions, time in nature, and evening meetings, it was clear that everyone was at peace together. Everyone is looking forward to Camp Woody Acres 2020 when everyone can unite to fellowship together once again.

# First Nations Training

Photo Provided By: First Nations Training | Information

Wellness Training Levels 1 and 3 is scheduled for September 15-22, 2019.

First Nations Adventist Training Levels 1 and 3 and Indigenous Wellness Coach Preparation Practical Hands on Learning will happen at Camp Hope, in British Columbia.

For registration of more information, please go to their website [www.fnat.ca](http://www.fnat.ca).



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# Province Recognizes Contributions of Lorraine Best

Photo Provided By: Lorraine Best | Information Provided By: Ros Ennis



The Honourable Lisa Dempster, Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development announced that Lorraine Best is one of five recipients of the 2019 Seniors of Distinction Award. The awards recognize the contributions, achievements, and diversity of seniors throughout the province. Lorraine has been a long-standing seniors advocate. She has been volunteering at the Senior NL (formerly the Seniors Resource Centre of NL) for twenty five years, to make the province a safer and more welcoming place. Using her experience as an educator, she has developed a curriculum on elder abuse while working jointly with crime prevention committees and policing agencies. She also served as a consultant and spokesperson on issues impacting aging persons. Lorraine has traveled and continues to travel the province presenting on these topics. Lorraine is a retired school teacher from the St. John's Academy, and a long-time member of the St. John's Church.

# Delegates Vote 'Yes' to New Complex

Photos Provided By: Ken Corkum | Information Provided By: Ken Corkum

At the Newfoundland Session on Sunday, July 28, 2019, The Delegates attending voted three actions.

The first voted action placed a boundary on the sale of the current mission office that it needed to have a net sale of \$600,000. (If it is sold before the completion of the new complex, possible arrangements would need to be made for the property areas currently being leased.)

The second was related to instructing Newfoundland Board of Directors to ensure the boundaries on the land included sufficient area for the future possibility of having a church school.

The third voted action was before the development of a new Office Complex could go forward, the funds needed to be in hand, and there be no debt with the project.

Attached are pictures of the Property development on Kenmount Road. The #1. picture shows the full property, the green and yellow represents the sections being developed for the new office complex.

#3. picture shows the final boundaries of the school. With the new office complex shown on the right, parking lot and provision on the left for a two-room school and play area. This derived in consultation with the Newfoundland government, Town of Mount Pearl guidelines for building a school, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

With this provision for future growth, the project for the development of a new office complex for the Mission will take the next step forward in drawing up plans, raising the needed funds, and construction of the facilities without debt. This new complex will provide a facility that will be a positive presence for the church in Newfoundland and Labrador.



#1. Full property, the green and yellow represents the sections being developed for new office.



#2. Final boundaries for school. New office complex on right, parking lot and provision for school and play area.



#3. Final boundaries for school. New office complex on right, parking lot and provision for school and play area.

# In Memory of Arthur William Diamond

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We regret to announce that Art Diamond passed peacefully away at home on Sabbath, August 17<sup>th</sup> in his 87th year. Art was a member of the St. John's Church and served faithfully as treasurer for over 11 years. Our sincere condolences to his wife Thelma of 54 years, his son Robert and wife Bernice, his daughter Shelley and husband Doug Purchase and his pride and joy, his three grandchildren: Bethanee (Daniel), Tyler and Jacob. A Memorial Service was held from our Church with Pastor Jamie Joseph officiating. Interment was at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Art was not only a gentleman but a gentle man. He was kind and loving, had a wonderful sense of humour. He had a strong faith, he loved the Lord, and his church family will greatly miss him.



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