

# NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In This Issue: Lighthouse Launch; Fred and Francis Nahirny; Jonathan and Ana Gascoyne; Anointing Service; St. John's Seniors Banquet; Christmas Program in Lethbridge and Bonavista; Board of Directors Year End Report; New SDACC Executive Secretary; Stuffed At the Gills...

## LIGHTHOUSE LAUNCH

Submitted By: Kaitlynn Harushimana

As of December 2nd, 2019, at 8:00 am, VOAR, which stands for Voice of Adventist Radio, has officially switched from 1210AM to 96.7FM. The new signal now reaches further and more precise. When driving into the mission office in Mount Pearl, you can see a bright green sign which reads "Lighthouse 96.7".



Brian Matthews, Chief Engineer of Lighthouse Radio, was in the office working 'behind the scenes,' which keeps your radio working. When speaking with Brian, he was excited about this launch. Brian said, " when I came into the office this morning, my computer background was a lighthouse, seems to be a good sign for the things coming ahead." Brian Matthews, along with the other VOAR staff Sherry Griffin, Tina Taylor, and Mark Worden, has been tirelessly

working on this launch for the past two years. From getting acceptance, fundraising, clearing the land, building the tower, consistent maintenance, and so much more.

You can follow Lighthouse Radio via the Facebook Page Lighthouse FM Christian Radio Network. If you would like to hear beautiful music and inspiring messages, please tune into Lighthouse Radio 96.7FM or Livestream online at [www.voar.org](http://www.voar.org).



## FRED AND FRANCIS NAHIRNY

Submitted By: Fred and Francis Nahirny

### Fred and Francis Nahirny | Arrived September 1, 2019

My lovely wife Francis and I have already seen so much from the time we have landed here in Newfoundland. We climbed Topsail Bluff, walked Signal Hill, seen the animals at Salmonier Nature park, and much more. Francis and I decided to move into the community of Conception Bay South. It is a beautiful town close to St. Johns, I like living here, and it is a peaceful place. I can go hiking almost anywhere, and I like that. My favorite part about Newfoundland is the scenery. It is a beautiful place where nature is close to home. You can go to the ocean, or the forest, to the "mountains," or even lakes and rivers. I like to spend my time in nature whenever I can get the chance. When I began this path in 2014, ever since my first pastoral experiences before my internships at Burman University, I have always loved home visitation and consequently dreaded preaching. Looking back, however, I'm beginning to find a new respect for preaching, and it has changed my outlook on ministry. Yet, most importantly, I have been deeply moved by the people whom Christ draws to Himself. These are the ones who randomly show up at church sharing their convictions, or will phone or send an email and ask, "can I come to church and worship with you?" or even "how can I become a Christian?". It is a most pleasant experience, and I cannot describe the feelings I have; to think my words will somehow influence a person to come closer to Jesus, and ultimately eternal life. You cannot compare it! Ultimately, I hope to accomplish the work which God has led me here to do. Which would be helping raise a new generation. One to pick up the reins or sails of this metaphorical Gospel ship and sail off into the sunset of glorious victory in Jesus.



## CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted By: Ruth Pittman



# JONATHAN, ANA, AND NOVA GASCOYNE

Submitted By: Jonathan and Ana Gascoyne



## Jonathan and Ana + Nova Gascoyne | Arrived January 1, 2013

It is hard to believe that our first day in Newfoundland was almost seven years ago! We were picked up by a church member from the airport, and when we arrived in Grand Falls-Windsor, the smell of the crisp cold air, mixed with the burning of firewood in peoples' homes, was so inviting, we decided to stay this long! While we are only joking, we have come to love this beautiful province and have tried to go on as many hikes as possible - our favorites so far include Twillingate, Trinity, and Gros Morne. Every step of our journey - from the time we arrived, to our car accident, having our first child, and Jonathan battling cancer - we have received love and support from our church family. Although we know all church families have their challenges and weaknesses, we are proud of how much God has helped us grow together. While Jonathan has been on short-term disability, the church family has continued the services and programs in the district. Year-round, there has been a community service emphasis, music ministry in all

three communities, as well as development of children and youth programs throughout the district. We feel blessed to be here and to continue serving as God leads.

## ANOINTING SERVICE

Submitted By: Pastor Ken Corkum

Sabbath, November 29, was a high Sabbath for the members of the Botwood district. Pastor Jonathan, who has been fighting cancer and completing three rounds of chemo treatment, presented himself before the congregation and the Lord in Testimony and Thanksgiving for God's love shown to him.

The members shared their personal favorite Bible verses, followed by an Anointing Service. Join us in continuing to pray for Jonathan, Ana, and Nova as they continue to support each other.



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SENIOR BANQUET

Submitted By: Margaret Moore

Our annual Seniors' Christmas Banquet took place on December 9th in the fellowship hall of our church. The hall had been transformed with soft white lighting that highlighted near life-size silhouette figures of the nativity scene, a fantastic piece of work that must have taken hours to do. A perfect background to remind all of us about that great gift of our God and the reason we celebrate the Christmas Season. Nearby was a Christmas tree and underneath an abundance of unwrapped gifts from which seniors could select to take home. There was also a meal served for those who attended. Many comments were heard about how tasty the food was. The night was a perfect reminder that Christmas is about giving, not just gifts but giving our love, our friendship, our time, giving of ourselves to be a blessing to others. Everything was under the creative organization of Angie Hodder, who said she had a dedicated team of helpers -Sherry Cook, Corinne Murphy, Sheralyn Pearcey, and Njomza Young.



Following the meal, these ladies lead the seniors in a sing-a-long of Christmas carols and songs, interspersed with Christmas poems. Hearty voices filled the hall! Angie stated what a privilege it was to serve those who have served their church so well. Thank you to everyone.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN BONA VISTA AND LETHBRIDGE

Submitted By: Jeanette Boutcher



Lethbridge and Bonavista Seventh-day Adventist Churches held their Christmas programs on December 21st. Each held an exceptional worship service, with a lovely fellowship meal following the service.

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR YEAR END MEETING

Submitted By: Xenia Capote

On December 8, 2019, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Directors met to discuss various issues regarding the business of our Mission. Some of the highlights of the business conducted are as follows:

- The Board of Directors received and affirmed the recommendation from the Corner Brook Seventh-day Adventist Church to sell the property at 71 Philip Drive. As they become actively involved in the process of selling and looking into their future house of worship, it was recommended that the Corner Brook Church consider ways in which to grow the Church.



	\$	15,454	\$	1
		6,174		
		9,280		
<b>Financial Statements</b>				
		3,500		
		1,313		
rolling interests		2,174		
noncontrolling interests		150		
Equity-Partnership Company	\$	2,024	\$	
ic	\$	2,30	\$	
aid	\$	2,28	\$	

- The Audited Financial Statement for 2018 was accepted from the General Conference Auditing Services. In their opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2018, and 2017, and the financial performance and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The financial position of the NL Mission is in a favorable position thanks to the faithfulness of God's people and generosity of the membership of the North American Division Churches who share with us.

Support was approved for the pastors and spouses of the Newfoundland Mission to attend the North American Division CALLED Pastors' Family Convention in Lexington, KY, and the opening weekend of the General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indianapolis, IN. The convention will begin the week of June 21 and run over the following weekend. The pastors will be away from their districts over one weekend and will return enriched by the experience ready to share with their churches.



# EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION SDACC

Information from: Stan Jensen, Communication Director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

On December 10, 2019, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) Board of Directors elected Paul Llewellyn (previous Maritime Conference President) as the next executive secretary/vice-president for administration. Llewellyn will begin his duties as of Jan. 1, 2020.

“Paul Llewellyn comes to our leadership team from a strong background of both teaching in Adventist education and working with the youth and young adults of our church,” Mark Johnson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, commented. “He has served ably as an educator, pastor, camp director, conference secretary, and conference president. These areas of service and ministry have provided excellent orientation as he steps into this new role as voted by our Board of Directors. I have great respect for Paul’s faith and his effectiveness as a leader. I am certain that he will serve the church well in this new capacity.”



The Maritime Conference will begin a search committee to appoint a new president early in the new year.

## STUFFED AT THE GILLS

Recipes From: [www.stuffedatthegills.ca](http://www.stuffedatthegills.ca)

### Falafels

1 cup dried chickpeas, soaked overnight or longer  
1 teaspoon baking soda, optional  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cloves garlic  
1/2-1 cup very finely minced onion (I often just put a quartered onion in the processor with the chickpeas.)  
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley  
2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro or 1 teaspoon dried cilantro  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon ground coriander  
Pinch (or more) of cayenne pepper  
Black pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/4 cup water, if needed  
Oil for frying



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Soak chickpeas overnight or longer in a bowl that will allow at least 3 or 4 inches of water to cover the beans. Drain the chickpeas and put them into a food processor or blender. Add the baking soda, salt and garlic. Blend until you have the texture of medium to fine bread crumbs in a chickpea paste. Do not grind the complete mixture into a paste as you want mainly "crumbs" with enough paste to bind the mixture together.

Place the blended chickpeas in a large bowl. Add the onion, parsley, cilantro, cumin, coriander, black pepper, cayenne and lemon juice. Mix gently. Add water if too dry. I find my mixture does not need the water added if the chickpeas have not been thoroughly drained.

Pour 1 inch of oil in a wok or frying pan and set it over medium low heat.

While the oil heats, form the mixture into patties. (Traditional falafel is formed into balls but patties are easier to fit in pita bread.) Form patties that are about 2 inches in diameter. Don't squeeze them or compact them too much. The patties should just hold together. Put as many patties into the hot oil as the wok or frying pan will hold in a single layer. Fry about 2 minutes on each side until golden brown. When the patties are done, remove them with a slotted spoon and drain on a paper towel. Repeat with remaining falafel mixture.

Falafel mixture may also be formed into balls and deep fried or baked as patties on an oiled pan in a 375 degree oven for 20 minutes.

Makes about 18-24 patties.

Falafels are naturally vegetarian/vegan and are high in protein. Make a full meal sandwich by serving your falafels in pita bread with your favourite salad vegetables. Add tahini sauce, hummus, yogurt or even salad dressing. It's your sandwich--make it to your taste.

