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## DISCOVERING REVELATION

By: NL Membership and Mission Office

The Discovering Revelation was a fantastic event. We were able to draw closer to God, each other, and realize that we are not alone in some of the challenges we experience. Between the seminars, questions and answers, and testimonies, it was clear that God is with us, for us, and loves us. Experience the joy of the Lord! (Jn. 15:11). Pastor Ken Corkum says, "One of the most inspiring, Bible insightful, instructive, bonding, and encouraging experiences that I have had in my pastoral experience. This series enriched our members and friends, and I am so pleased to have been part of it."

Attached are a few quotes submitted by individuals:

"I think that hell is a real place, and I don't want to go there. When I think of what Jesus did for me on the cross to keep me out of hell, it makes me love Him. And I want to bind with Him, and I am in awe of Him."

"Practicing my first REAL Sabbath today. It was fantastic; I'm so happy... to be a part of this amazing experience. I've been searching for this for many years to have so much in common with my belief in the Bible. I look forward to a lifelong commitment with the Church and with God."

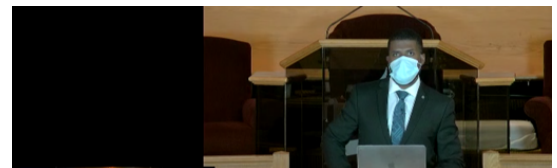
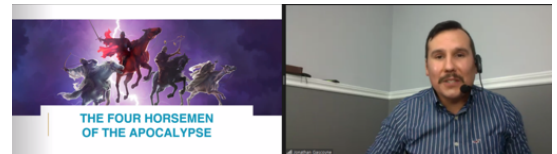
"I've never told anyone that I'm Seventh-day Adventist before, but since this series, I started encouraging people to attend the meetings, and for the first time, I was proud to say, 'I'm Seventh-day Adventist.'"

"I want to watch these recordings again and again. Praise God that He's helped our Church understand these important truths from the Bible. I want to understand the Bible even more now."

Sharon Hobbs of Central NL says, "Truly friendships were made, and lives were impacted by the gospel message we find in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And personally speaking, I have attended numerous seminars and series over the years, but I can honestly say that this one was the best for me. The presenters were very personable, logical, straightforward, easy to follow, and plain to understand. God really used these presenters and this series to wake me up and shake me up as well. I hope we can continue with these beneficial seminars."

We look forward to working together as a Mission to further God's kingdom.

Our seminar speakers from top to bottom: Pastor Etienne Harushimana, Lawrence Burns, Diane Burns, Pastor David Boutcher, Pastor Ken Corkum, Pastor Jonathan Gascoyne, Pastor Jamie Joseph, and Ana Gascoyne (no photo).



## **PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY- TREASURER IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

By: Sten Jensen | Communications Director for Seventh-day Adventist Church  
in Canada

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Board of Directors Elect President and Secretary- Treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador. On Sunday, November 21, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) met and elected Ken Corkum as president of the SDA Church in Newfoundland & Labrador. The Board of Directors also elected Xenia Capote as secretary-treasurer of the SDA Church in Newfoundland & Labrador for her first elected term.

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The Board of Directors also elected Xenia Capote as secretary-treasurer of the SDA Church in Newfoundland & Labrador for her first elected term. Her responsibilities include Auditor, Office Manager, and Risk Management. Xenia has extensive experience in church leadership throughout North America.

Mark Johnson, president of the SDACC, remarks, "I know Pastor Corkum as an experienced pastor and church leader who loves Jesus. We value the progressive work he has accomplished in Newfoundland & Labrador. Xenia is a gifted church leader who has brought her effective management back to Canada for which we are grateful."

The SDA Church in Newfoundland & Labrador was established in 1895 and includes eight churches and three companies with more than 500 members. Their media ministry Lighthouse FM, formerly known as Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR), is a local, listener-supported Christian radio ministry with a 100,000-watt FM tower, and it rebroadcasts on over 50 towers throughout Canada.

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## WELCOME TO THE OFFICE

By: NL Mission Office Staff



The NL Mission would like to welcome two new staff members officially. The first is Georgina Somerton, who has joined the treasury department. We welcome Georgina for a casual/part-time position. Georgina will be responsible for specific projects and other requirements as needed. Georgina says, "I feel very blessed to be working in a Christian environment." Thank you, Georgina, and welcome to the team.



We also welcome Kelley Symonds, who took on the Senior Accountant position on September 1. Kelley Symonds completed Business Management-Accounting in 2008 and has worked since graduation. The position became available at the Mission office, and a prayerful decision to apply and then accept led Kelley and her husband to return to St. John's. She said, "It felt like God was leading us home. Twenty-five years after we moved from St. John's, returning to the city we love, and the church family we missed was an added blessing. I have never worked for an employer that encouraged morning worship and started a business meeting with a prayer! I love to use my talents to do the Lord's work. It feels like all of my experience has prepared me for this role."

## THE GOSPEL AND FACEBOOK ADVERTISEMENTS

By: Pastor Ken Corkum

Lifestyle Canada Educational Service (LCES) is a group that send students around the country to sell Educational, Medical, and Spiritual Literature. They worked in NL for summers past. This past fall, the NL Mission, in partnership with LCES, undertook a Facebook Ad Campaign to encourage the people of NL to avail of helpful material. The major gift book offered was entitled "The Power of Hope."

When people requested a book online, there were other spiritual support options, such as requesting prayer or Bible Studies. Here are the results of this effort:

1. Over 113,900 Facebook ads posted
2. Over 17,900 people made contact with the ads
3. Over 150 people received the free book, "The Power of Hope" either by mail or electronically
4. The book helps people deal with depression, anxiety, guilt and addictions

The areas covered by the Facebook ads included:

- a. Labrador City
- b. Churchill Falls
- c. Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- d. North West River
- e. All of Bonavista Peninsula-including Catalina
- f. St. John's Metropolitan Area

\*\* The west coast of NL was reported in the previous Newsletter by Lawrence and Diane Burns.

We live in a time of electronic media, and using this form of outreach we can cater to part of society we may not be able to connect with in any other way. Our privilege is to continue to share the Gospel message of hope and wholeness.



## LIGHTHOUSE FM SHARATHON

By: Sherry Griffin

Lighthouse FM's 2021 Sharathon ended up being historic. Never in our Sharathon history have we reached our goal at the end of day two. That's right; the entire total \$60,000 goal was pledged by 9:45 pm Tuesday.



We were bracing ourselves for a tougher Sharathon this year, knowing we wouldn't have as many volunteers or on-air co-hosts or guests due to new government regulations for Covid-19. We were still prepared as best we could.

The night before Sharathon started was for our Internet provider to crash overnight Sunday till 9:30 am Monday morning. Except for the metro area tower, all eleven towers were down across the Province. Only metro listeners heard the first three hours of Sharathon. Then Tuesday lunchtime, one of our donors said they had difficulty getting through. They said they tried several times to get through but got a message saying our phone was out of service. This was odd, as we always order two extra phone lines for Sharathon. When we checked, the ordered lines several weeks earlier were not working. Aliant said it would take ten hours for them to restore the service. Thankfully just a few hours later, they could get all phones operational.

So, to say we reached our total goal by the end of that same day clearly shows this was a God thing! It seemed the devil was working overtime trying to make everything go wrong, but God said, "I've got you...watch this!" By the next afternoon, an extra \$5000 had also come in.

It was an incredible blessing to our staff and volunteers to see the extraordinary outpouring of love and support from Lighthouse FM's listening family. It was fantastic to hear the cheers of excitement when we announced that our goal had been reached. We are so thankful to our administration, our Church, committee members, listeners, prayer warriors, local businesses, and volunteers for their continued support of Lighthouse FM! Thank you!!

## NL BAPTISMS

By: Lethbridge, Marystown, and St. John's

### Marystown "Welcome, Family" - Pastor Etienne Harushimana

Marystown was delighted to welcome three new members into the church family this Fall. On September 25, Beulah Mitchell and Dorothy Legge committed their lives to the Lord through baptism. It was a delight to welcome them and has been a delight since they have been excited to serve the Lord with everything they have. Shortly after, on October 16, we received Caterina Fizzard as a young new member of Marystown. Caterina may only be 15 years old, but she is on fire for Jesus. She shared on her baptism day, "I love God, and God loves me. I can talk to Him anytime, and He is my friend." I pray that each person will fall in love with truth, with Jesus, and let Him be our friend.



Dorothy Legge (Top Left), Pastor Etienne Harushimana (Middle), Beulah Mitchell (Top Right)  
Below: Pastor Etienne Harushimana and Caterina Fizzard



Left to right: Pastor David Boutcher, Lori Ploughman, and Scott Ploughman.

### Lethbridge "A Double Baptism" - Leah Smallwood

On September 11, 2021, two people, husband, and wife Scott and Lori Ploughman, took their stand together for Christ at the Lethbridge SDA Church. Scott was initially from George's Brook area, Lori from Lethbridge, and both currently resides in Saskatchewan. However, Scott wanted to return to their roots to be baptized in their home church. Scott works as a policeman and has recently gone through a life-changing time in his life. He found Jesus through the people around him and asked for baptism. His wife Lori decided to recommit her life to Christ in the water with her husband. They have agreed to keep their membership at the Lethbridge Church. Their family and Church members were on hand to witness the dedication and welcome them into the family.



Pastor Jamie Joseph (right) and Shane Grecian (left).

### St. John's "Great Rejoicing" - Margaret Moore

There was great rejoicing in the St. John's Church on October 9, as we celebrated the baptism of Shane Grecian with him and his family. Shane was first baptized on December 4, 1997. In the intervening years, various distractions kept him from attending Church regularly. In the past couple of years, he knew he needed to make a deeper commitment and get more intentional about his Bible studies and his worship and service. He has been a real blessing to our Community Service Department in his willingness to be there when help is needed to deliver the food hampers. Also, he has assisted several of our church families who have moved from one house or apartment to another throughout the city. His quiet, ready smile and his strong arms and willing heart have been a blessing to many families. Shane is eager to share his faith and correspond with those he hopes to lead to a closer walk with our Saviour. Several of our members have commented on how warm their hearts have been to see Shane so faithful in his attendance each Sabbath. We thank God for his decision to be in regular fellowship with our church family.

## PASSING OF STEPHANIE MCINTYRE

Information from: [www.warrensfuneralhome.ca](http://www.warrensfuneralhome.ca)



Many of us have heard that Stephanie McIntyre died peacefully on November 16, 2021, at 45 years of age, at Carbonear Hospital palliative unit in Carbonear, Newfoundland, following a battle with cancer.

Stephanie was a devoted mom to Selina, Erica, Jenna, and Levi. She was also a stepmom, grandmother, aunt, and a loving wife to Stephen McIntyre. Stephanie always had a heart for children and was blessed with four exceptional children who were dedicated to the Lord. She considered her children a gift from God and devoted her life to raising them in the admonition of the Lord.

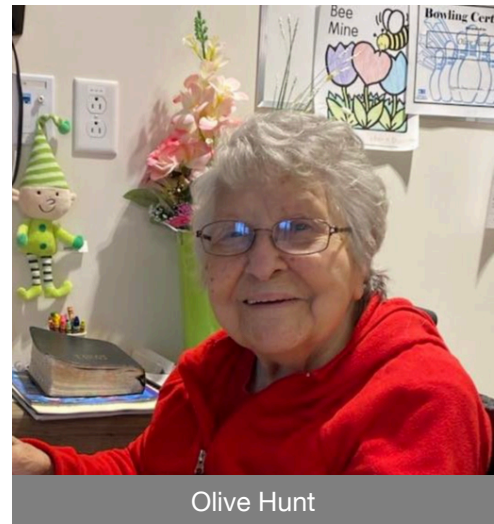
Stephen, Stephanie, and the children were members of the Bay Roberts Seventh-day Adventist Church. Stephanie loved Children's ministry and looked at each child she ministered to as a gift from God. Stephanie's devotion to her Saviour Jesus and the Bible, her infectious personality, her love for people and her church family, her zest for life, and her unswerving devotion, commitment, and unfailing love to her husband, children, and family will never, ever be forgotten.

Stephanie's favourite Bible text: 1 Peter 2:9, "*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*"

## CORNER BROOK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH UPDATE

By: Diane and Lawrence Burns

Our hearts were saddened with the passing of our oldest member Olive Hunt on Friday, October 29. She just celebrated her 90th birthday on October 16. During a major Evangelistic Series in 1974 Olive was baptized by Pastor Vern Snow, along with many of her siblings, her son Pat, daughter Karen, and many nieces and nephews. She was described as an amazing, lovely, beautiful, precious woman who was full of fun and always had a smile for you. People loved to be around her and work with her. She was faithful to God, served as a deaconess, loved to sing, enjoyed helping out with the Bake Sales, was super at Ingathering, eagerly studied God's word, preached sermons, and couldn't wait to go to Campmeeting to see all her friends from across the island and to make new ones. She will be dearly missed. Let's hold on to the wonderful hope that we have in Jesus.



Olive Hunt

Food was collected in October and November and distributed to International students who are involved with our Church. The Church is also looking forward to once again meeting needs in the local area. ADRA Canada has approved a request for funding that will provide aid to the Bay of Islands Foodbank Network, the Grenfell Student Foodbank, Western Memorial Palliative Care Unit, Willow House Women's Shelter, and other projects as needed. In Corner Brook, the theme for the December services is Mystery and Majesty, from the Godhead to the manger, let the heavens and earth rejoice!