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### JOIN OUR SUMMER STAFF

By: Newfoundland and Labrador Mission

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador are pleased to announce we will be going ahead with Camp Meeting and all summer camp programs at Woody Acres for 2022. If you would like to join our team, please contact kharushimana@nladventist.ca.

The available weeks include (save the date): Camp Meeting (July 22-30); Day Camps (August 1-6); Junior Camp (August 7-12); Disciple Trek Camp (August 14-19). Please note: March 27th is the deadline for staff applications.

Contact us today for an application!

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Applications for being a camp attendee at these camps will be released in April.

#### MORGAN ROSS MURLEY RECOGNIZED PARAMEDIC

By: Ross Murley and Kaitlynn Harushimana



Morgan Ross Murley (Ross) is a Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church member in Newfoundland and Labrador. For those of you who may know Ross, four things are evident in his life: he loves the Lord, his family, his camera, and the work he does.

Ross has been a Christian for what seems a lifetime now, as he was baptized at Woody Acres Camp as a youth. Ross has been involved in volunteer work, such as: a medic at Junior Camp for several years, fundraising for the local hospital at Burin, and as the Eastern representative at the Paramedic Association, mission trips, children's camps, evangelistic series, etc. He is a devoted family man who has the privilege of being the father to three wonderful children, Amber, Aaron, and Andrew. He is an avid photographer, spending much of his leisure time out in nature, waiting for the perfect opportunity to get that perfect shot. If you haven't seen his photography, I encourage you to take a look on his Facebook page! You will be amazed at the creation he captures.

Ross began his career in the EMS field in 1990 working with the Burin Ambulance Service. He transitioned from school bus driver to ambulance driver and then completed the EMT Level 2 program, now known as the EMR program, in 1993.

In 1996 he began working with Marystown Ambulance Service, where he is currently still working. He completed the Paramedic Level 1 Program through the Programs in Paramedicine in 1998. In 2011 he completed the bridging program to Primary Care Paramedic.

Ross attributes his faith as a significant factor in his career's longevity. Being a paramedic is not for the faint of heart. As a "first responder," Ross will often be the first on the scene of a medical emergency or major accident. And the things which Ross has seen and encountered in his field of work can be horrific. Due to confidentiality, Ross cannot share everything he has witnessed, but over the years has given testimonies to some of the gruesome experiences he has had in his line of work. But also, some of the beautiful things he has experienced.

Being a Christian in this line of work has opened numerous doors to share the gospel with those Ross encounters. Whether through a bible study on a long drive or answering biblical questions for coworkers. Or a silent prayer in the driver's seat or a whispered prayer in the back of the ambulance. It lets someone know that God loves them. There are

so many ways Ross has witnessed through his work. And it has given him not only the strength to make it through the day but also those around him.

And on February 18, 2022, Ross was recognized for this service at the Parliament House in St. John's, NL. "The Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal was created on July 7, 1994. It recognizes professionals in providing pre-hospital emergency medical services to the public, who have performed their duties in an exemplary manner, characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency (Governor General of Canada)."

This prestigious award is rewarded to practitioners who served the EMS field for a minimum of 20 years and have been on the front line with at least 10 of those. This medal is not simply a year of service award but is given for exemplary service during years of service.



Nominated by peers and recognized by the community, Ross was one of the few individuals selected this year. Due to the covid regulations, Ross could only bring one loved one with him, so his eldest son Andrew (in photo) joined him. Despite not being able to join him physically, Ross's support also came from the Burin Peninsula, Alberta, Russia and everywhere in between as friends and family gathered around the computer to watch his presentation virtually.

Ross's love for God's creation goes beyond the scenery and adorable animals. It is for everything God has created, especially fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Being a first responder isn't the most straightforward task, and it takes a toll physically, mentally, emotionally, and sometimes spiritually. But his commitment to spreading the "God Virus," as Ross calls it, the good news that Jesus is coming again soon, gets him through every day.

Thank you, Ross, for not only your outstanding service as a paramedic but a missionary for the Kingdom.

#### SDACC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LIAISON

By: Ken Corkum



February 2022, the Board of Directors for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) selected Kaitlynn Harushimana to serve as the Coordinator/Liaison for Children's Ministries in Canada. Kaitlynn is the Youth Camp and Communications Director for Newfoundland and Labrador. She has also been head over Vacation Bible School programs on the island since 2015. Kaitlynn looks forward to expanding her knowledge and experience and helping lead Children's ministries not only across our province but Canada, with the help of her family. If you have any questions about Children's ministries, are looking for resources or training sessions, or want to brainstorm ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out. Email: kharushimana@naldventist.ca Phone: 709-567-2010.

#### **UPCOMING ISLAND WIDE EVENTS**

By: Newfoundland and Labrador Mission

Have you ever listened to a sermon and wanted to ask Pastor Jeff more questions? Maybe ask him some personal or biblical questions? Well, you can register today for that opportunity! Register today for an online chat experience March 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm NL time with Jeff Potts. This is event will be held on ZOOM - you can register now at <a href="https://www.lighthousefm.org">www.lighthousefm.org</a>



#### WINNING KIDS FOR CHRIST

By: Pastor Jonathan Gascoyne

Winning Kids for Christ (WK4C) is a simple, short program to provide parents/care givers of children and youth support. It's to help us keep in touch, give encouragement, and learn from one another.

Next program is Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 pm.

Contact Pr Jonathan for more information. <u>jgascoyne@nladventist.ca</u> / 2792807



Winning Kids For Christ



# ISLAND WIDE NEDLEY DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY RECOVERY PROGRAM

By: Pastor Jamie Joseph

Are you or a loved one suffering from Depression and/or Anxiety? Do you want to get your life back or be better equipped to support a loved one facing mental health illness?

If so, register for our FREE Virtual Information Session via Zoom to find out if this program is right for you!

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